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PREFACE.

In launching this little volume on the deep sea of the kindness of my friends and neighbours, I feel that it is but as a tiny cockle-shell among superior and more important vessels. In front it has the elaborate "Volume of The Vyne" and the "Mysteries of St. Mary Bourne," and behind, the "History of Basingstoke." Still I trust that it will be accepted with all its roughness and imperfection. I ask all leniency from its readers. Its title is "A History of Esse or Ashe." But it does not claim to be exhaustive. It would, perhaps, be better styled "A Collection of Things Ancient and Modern relating to Ashe," and, maybe, such as would lack interest for others to set in order.

July, 1888.

F. W. Thoyts.

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THE PARISH OF ESSE OR ASHE.

CHAPTER I.

The Parish.

The simplest method of treating the Parish of Ashe, in connection with any information or records at present extant, will be thus:—

1. Generally;
2. Parochially;
3. Ecclesiastically.

"Generally" will comprise the parish, the land adjacent, and those matters which, after the lapse of years, though apparently certain, yet must still leave room for conjecture and surmise.

"Parochially" will take in the landholders and owners of the parish, and (treated with dates of years) whatever information is supplied by historians and records.

"Ecclesiastically" will embrace (treated also with dates) the holders of the living, the value of the living, the history of the church, and the registers.

Generally.

The name of the parish, as given in 'Domesday Book' (A.D. 1086), was "Esse," meaning "Water."

Ashe is a corruption of this word, and the name has come down in various forms: Esse, Esshe, Aysscbe, Asshe, Ashe.

The parish is a long strip of land, five and a half miles in length, and in its broadest part only a mile and a half. It seems always to have been divided into three parts: South Litchfield or Nuthilne, Nutholme and Nutsell, Ashe and Kingsdown. Ashe shows what properties in this part of

the country originally consisted of, viz., down land to north and south, arable land joining on to these, with pasture on both sides of the river at the centre.

Only one thing appears to date back to pre-historic times, the Harrow way Road or Oxdrove. Possibly the word "harrow" is a corruption of "hoary," which tends to show that this road is now almost exactly the same as our British ancestors left it.

Oxdrove is the Ockway of the Middle Ages, by which the cattle were driven from the West to London.

The "Field" and "Place," names in the parish, tell but little of history, except "Cadbury," "Pilgrims," and "Kingsdown."

"Cadbury" is a Saxon word: "bury" or "borough" meaning town or fort; and close by there are still traces of a fortification to be seen.

"Pilgrims," and may be "Beggars' Clump," tell us that these places were once in close proximity to some monastic house.

"Kingsdown" shows that at some time our parish was connected with royalty.

King John (1199–1213) lived at King John's Down, now known as Cottington's Hill, above Kingsclere.

Our Kingsdown was his hunting ground, and to this day the corner in Hannington, where the road turns at right angles from King John's Down, is called "King's Corner."

Some of the houses in the parish are very old, viz., Kingsdown, the Oxdrove Cottages, the Folly Cottages, the Burley Lane Cottages, four cottages at Litchfield, and Lower Ashe Farm.

In 1837 there were 22 houses in the parish, and 114 inhabitants.

In 1806 there were 1300 sheep in the parish.

Labourers' wages were from 7 to 8 shillings per week.

Beef was at 4*d.* to 5*d.* per lb.

Mutton was at 4½*d.* to 5½*d.* per lb.

The average crop of wheat and barley was 4 quarters to the acre.

Oats do not appear to have been grown.

Parochially.

The parish appears to have always been divided into three parts: South Litchfield, Kingsdown, and the Manor of Ashe.

We will take South Litchfield first.

It has been so called to distinguish it from North Litchfield, which lies some eight miles away to the north-west.

The word "Litchfield" signifies the "field of the dead," but of what dead in the case of our parish must remain a matter of conjecture.

But seeing that we know that a great battle was fought at North Litchfield, between the Angles and the Danes, probably about A.D. 900, as the present local names of Angledown and Danesgrove seem to show, may it not have been that the conquerors came up with a body of their enemies at South Litchfield, and the mounds now known as Popham Beacons hide the remains of the chiefs who were slain in the second battle?

The earliest record now extant of South Litchfield goes back little more than 300 years, so 500 years are buried in obscurity.

Still present names seem to say that there was once a monastery at South Litchfield. Pilgrims and Beggars' Clump denoting the spots where the pilgrims and the beggars camped outside the monastic walls.

May not also the word "Nursery" tell of the education of the children of the poor by the monks of old?

So I must pass on to the meagre list of names and records belonging to this, not the least interesting part of our little parish.

At Litchfield, with which I commence, the large barn is without doubt very old, and probably built of the materials from some much older building. In a shed in the yard several of the rafters are old wood moulded, of which no one can possibly assert the age.

At the close of 1883 it was thought advisable to place a mission room in the hamlet of South Litchfield.

On an application being made to Mr. Alexander Cunning-

ham, the owner of the farm and house, with regard to a site, his answer was that he was willing that a mission room should be placed on any part of his property that might be selected. Accordingly it was placed in a suitable position, and on his property, as was supposed.

It was placed on the tunnel of the London and South Western Railway. But this raised a moot point. To whom did the top of the tunnel belong—to the owner of South Litchfield, or to the railway company?

An objection was very soon raised by the latter with regard to encroachment.

It appeared that the wood growing on the top of the tunnel had been cut on more than one occasion by the tenant of the farm.

But when authorities met on the spot the railway company showed that the mission room had been placed on their own exclusive land, seeing that they had bought the land originally intending to make a cutting, but afterwards altered it to a tunnel. Thanks to them, the building was not interfered with, and they have since granted a lease at one shilling per annum for a large space of ground.

Kind friends lent assistance. Mr. Melville Portal gave the chairs and kneelers; the Rev. Richard Pole the reading-desk; and later on a brass cross and vases were given by the Rev. Canon Thoyts, of Tain, Rosshire, N.B., in memory of his nurse, Elizabeth Mitchell, who finished her days in the school-house of Ashe.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1567.	Elizabeth.	Anthony, Viscount Montague, K.G.
1601.	Do.	John Hunt.
1609.	James I.	John Hunt.
1646.	Commonwealth.	Piers Edgcombe, of Mount Edgcombe, Devon, Esq.

Take notice here of the various names, Nutsell, Newetsell, and Nuthilne, *alias* Litchfield. The best nuts in the neighbourhood are still to be found in the wood which we know as "Cottage."

Date.	Reign.	Later owner or occupiers.
1702.	Anne.	John Lambol.
1728.	George II.	Thomas Tilbury.
1748.	Do.	James Cheverton.
1763.	George III.	Mr. Kirk.
1769.	Do.	Farmer Knight.
1770.	Do.	Mr. Benet.
1775.	Do.	Mr. Lewis.
1785.	Do.	Richard Waterman.
1796.	Do.	Mr. White.
1809.	Do.	Mr. Thomas Trueman, Villebois.
1838.	Victoria	Mr. Stephens, owner, Jesse Vidler, tenant.
1857.	Do.	George Whistler.
1873.	Do.	John Dollar.
1880.	Do.	Mr. Alexander Cunningham, owner and occupier.

[1646–7.] *Royalist Composition Papers.*

Piers Edgecombe of Mount Edgcombe Devon Esq.

His delinquency that he was in arms against the Parliament. He has taken the National Covenant before Richard Vynes minister of Clements Danes London, and the Negative Oath before the Committee of Examinations. By Order of the House of Commons he is admitted to his Composition.

He is seized (among many other lands in Southton Devon and Cornwall) of the Farm and Demesne of Nuthilne alias Litchfield in the parishes of Steventon, Ash, and Quidhampton, in co. S^{ton} and of lands tenements houses and burgages in the parish and borough of Overton (p. 405). Also of a term of years in lands and ten^{ts} in Overton holden by demise from Corpus Christi Coll. Oxon.

Debts, goods, plate, corn, cattle &c., to the amount of £2210. He is indebted in £1844.

Page 463. Particulars of his estate (as above). (Among other things—books worth £60). Desires to compound.

[1567]. *Patent Roll.*

Licence to Anthony Viscount Montague K.G. and Magdalen his wife to alienate one messuage, one garden, one orchard, 200 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, and 100 acres of wood, in Wickenstevington, Overton, Asshe, and Quidamton, in co. Southton, which are held of the King in Chief, to Roger Hunt his heirs and assigns. 12th June.

[1601]. *Fine Roll.*

John Hunte has livery of the Grange called Nutsell alias Newetsell &c. in Ashe Quidhampton and Steventon in co. South^{tn} late of Roger his father.

The History of the Manor of Ashe, with regard to owners, is to a certain extent doubtful; but the following list will fairly stand the test of accuracy as representing the Lords of the land:—

Date.	Monarch.	Owner.
1064.	Harold.	Alwacre held Esse.
1075.	William I.	Eudo son of Hubert held Esse of the King.
1258.	Henry III.	William de Kynmaresford.
1265.	„	John de Burgh.
1275.	Edward I.	John de Maners held of the King. He formerly held of John de Burgh.
1305.	„	Sir John Randolph, and heirs of his body, with reversion to John de Drokenesford, Bishop of Bath and Wells.
1347.	Edward III.	Sir John de Stonor.
1355.	„	His son John de Stonor.
1362.	„	Edmund de Stonor.
1366.	„	William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, bought Ashe from Edmund de Stonor.

Date.	Monarch.	Owner.
1404.	Henry IV.	Sir Thomas Wickham succeeded to Ashe. His name was formerly Perrot. He was great-great-nephew by marriage to William of Wykeham.
1422.	Henry VI.	Sir William Fiennes, second Lord Saye and Sele, became owner of Ashe by marriage with Margaret Wickham, granddaughter of Sir Thomas Wickham.
1475.	Edward IV.	Sir Henry Fenys, third Lord Saye and Sele.
1476.	„	Sir Richard Fenys, fourth Lord Saye and Sele.
1477.	„	Sir Morgan Kidwelly and his wife for their lives.
1506.	Henry VII.	Ashe reverted to the King by the attainder of Sir Morgan Kidwelly.
1525.	Henry VIII.	Henry Thornton.
1528.	„	Edward Fenys. He did not use the title of Lord Saye and Sele.
1530.	„	Richard Fenys. Ditto.
1537.	„	This manor was given, with a number of others, to Sir William Fitzwilliam, K.G.
1579.	Elizabeth.	Richard Fenys, son of above (1530), conf. in Barony of Saye and Sele.
1589.	„	James Dean, afterwards knighted, bought Ashe from Richard Fenys, Lord Saye and Sele.
1608.	James I.	Mr. Andrew Holdip, by will of Sir J. Dean.

Date.	Monarch.	Owner.
1618.	James I.	Mr. Thomas Willis bought Ashe from Mr. Andrew Holdip.
1649.	Commonwealth.	Sir John Trott bought Ashe from Mr. Thomas Willis.
1672.	Charles II.	Sir Hugh Stewkley married daughter and heiress of Sir John Trott.
1691.	William & Mary.	Sir Charles Shuckburgh, married heiress of above.
1707.	Anne.	Mr. Thomas Reynolds bought Ashe from Sir C. Shuckburgh.
1721.	George I.	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Mr. Reynolds.
1763.	George III.	Mr. Joseph Portal by will of Mrs. Jones.
1793.	„	Mr. William Portal, son of above.
1846.	Victoria.	Mr. John Portal, brother of above.
1848.	„	Colonel Robert Portal, son of Mr. John Portal.

CHAPTER II.

The Manor.

The original divisions of this part of our parish appear to have been Ashe Park, Ashe Farm, and Kingsdown.

I must here incorporate that which I have before mentioned as a separate division, viz., Kingsdown.

Kingsdown was not part of the original manor, but was purchased by Mr. Joseph Portal from Mr. George Garnyer in 1763.

I shall treat Ashe Warren and Kingsdown separately as far as I can. The present cottages at Kingsdown are only different parts of the old Farm House.

Ashe Warren Farm was built about 1790, after the annexation to the estate of Kingsdown.

The cottages in the Oxdrove show signs of being in old times either a farm-house or, more probably, the place where the warrener lived.

The cottages at Ashe Warren Gate were built about 1841.

Kingsdown.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1327.	Edward II.	William de Horwood held Kingslees.
1632.	Charles I.	Thomas Tapley.
1694.	William & Mary.	William Minchin.
1748.	George II.	Mrs. Elizabeth Dicker.
1757.	„	Mr. William Dicker.
1767.	George III.	Farmer Prismall.
1774.	„	Mr. Soper.
1782.	„	Mr. Andrew Twitchen.

It is here that the farms were joined together, for I find

Ashe Warren Farm.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1792.	George III.	Mr. Andrew Twitchen.
1796.	„	Mr. Cully.
1818.	„	Mr. Samuel Lucas.
1841.	Victoria.	Mr. James Beckingham.
1857.	„	Mr. Codd.
1870.	„	Mr. Hugh E. Raynbird.
1885.	„	H. L. Cripps, Esq.
1887.	„	The Hon. H. A. Stanhope.

I here mention that Ashe Warren with Kingsdown was sold in 1885 to Mr. Henry Cripps by Colonel Portal, and was sold again to the Hon. H. A. Stanhope in 1887.

The farm-house was remodelled, and added to by Mr. Stanhope in 1887 for his own residence.

Ashe Farm.

This was not divided into Upper and Lower Ashe Farms until 1849, the division being the London and Exeter Road, so until that date it is treated as one.

Occupiers of Ashe Farm.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1697.	William & Mary.	John Savage.
1697.	„	John Savage, jun.
1729.	George II.	Thomas Knight.
1736.	„	Bryan-Marriner.
1743.	„	William Cheverton.
1748.	„	Mr. John Hasker.
1756.	„	Mr. Thomas Gale.
1780.	George III.	Abraham Knight.
1796.	„	William Knight.
1809.	„	Mr. John Atkins.
1833.	William IV.	Mr. James Beckingham, Mr. Benjamin Beckingham, and Mr. George Beckingham.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1849.	Victoria.	Mr. Benjamin Beckingham alone.
1878.	„	Mr. Benjamin Beckingham, jun.

In 1847 the London and South Western Railway cut the northern portion of the farm (now Lower Ashe) into two parts, a large and a small.

The cottages belonging to this farm abut the Oxdrove, now called Ashe Folly.

The northernmost cottages are very old, the others were built in 1847.

Upper Ashe Farm.

This farm was cut off from Ashe Farm, and the house was built in 1849.

Occupier of Upper Ashe Farm.

Mr. George Beckingham.

The cottages belonging to this farm in Burley Lane are very old.

Ashe Park.

There always appears to have been a mansion at Ashe Park.

This is a notice in the Terrier (or list of land) of the Glebe that at some time, about 1580, Lord Say exchanged land with the then Rector, Mr. Harris, to enlarge his park.

Occupiers of Ashe Park.

Mr. Simon Ffolkes, 1630, a lease for ninety-nine years.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1707 till 1721	Anne.	Mr. Robert Reynolds.
1728 „ 64	George I.	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.
1764 „ 71	George III.	Rev. Mr. Hillman.
1771 „ 75	„	Mr. Gordon.
1775 „ 76	„	Lord Craven.
1776 „ 80	„	The Countess Percy.

She was the wife of Earl Percy, afterwards 2nd Duke of

Northumberland, married 1764, Annie, daughter of the Earl of Bute, which marriage was dissolved by Act of Parliament in 1779.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1780–88	George III.	Honourable Bartholomew Bouverie, M.P.

He was born October 29, 1753, married, 1779, Mary Wyndham, 2nd daughter of the Honourable James Everard Arundel, and died 1835.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1788	George III.	Rev. E. St. John.
1850–64	Victoria.	Miss Gale.
1866	„	Col. Robert Portal.

Ashe Park House, which has been described to me as a "French chateau," was rebuilt by Colonel Portal, 1864–66.

Ashe Park Farm.

To judge by the Churchwarden's Book this farm must have had many occupiers.

Date.	Reign.	Owner or occupier.
1773.	George III.	Thomas Gale.
		James Knight.
		Mrs. Weakford.
		Mr. Portal.
1774.	„	Mr. Portal.
		Mr. Bagenton.
		Mrs. Weakford.
		Mr. Loughel.
1779.	„	Mr. Portal.
		Mrs. Rolphs.
		Mrs. Weakford.
1780.	„	Mr. Rolphs.
1787.	„	Joshua Rolphs.
1799.	„	Mr. James Holder.
1809.	„	Mr. Portal.
1788.	„	Rev. E. St. John.
1850.	Victoria	Mr. Nation.
1866.	„	Colonel Portal.

There have been other residents at Ashe Park of late years. From 1870 to 1874 R. C. Elwes, Esq., of Wolland Cary, Devon, was living there.

Also it has been let also during the summer months.

Date.	Owner or occupier.
1879.	Mr. Cumberlege Ware.
1880.	Sir Henry Rawlinson, K.C.B.
1881.	J. A. Shaw Stewart, Esq.
1883.	Sir Thomas Waller, Bart.
1884.	C. Crews, Esq.
1885.	A. Cohen, Esq., M.P.
1886.	Mr. Baumbach.
1887.	Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart.

Before touching the Records of the Parish of Ashe certain words and terms used in the old deeds will need explanation.

The Hide.

A hide is about 120 acres English measure, equivalent to 100 acres Norman measure.

A carucate is a ploughland, as much arable land, with meadow and pasture, and farm buildings, as one plough with beasts belonging to it could till within a year. It varied from 60 to 100 acres.

Take the Domesday Book assessment measure of Ashe:—

	8 hides .	960 acres.
	8 carucates	720 „
In demesne .	2 „ .	180 „
Held by borderers	3 „ .	270 „
		2,130
Less half a hide alienated by Hugh the sheriff . .		50
		2,080

This is very nearly the modern acreage of Ashe.

A mark = 13*s.* 4*d.*

A virgate was forty acres.

Alienation was the making over to strangers a man's land by due course of law.

Borderers were cottagers holding land.

Burgage was a dwelling-house in a borough. (A tenure proper to boroughs whereby the inhabitants hold their lands and tenements of the King or of some other lord at a certain yearly rate.)

Deforciant was one who kept the rightful owner out of his own by force.

Enfeoffed, property entrusted to another's care. (To enfeoff was the act of conveying the fee of land to another.)

Exaction, an unreasonable demand. (A wrong done by taking a fee where none is allowed by law.)

Explees was full profit of land.

Firebote, right to take firing.

Haybote, right to take hay.

Hedgebote, right to take wood for fencing.

In desmesne, was land held by the Lord of himself.

Instance, a petition.

Messuage, a dwelling-house, with land attached.

Reprises, the taking of one thing in satisfaction for another.

Seizin, means possession.

Suit of event, means disputes in court.

Toft, a place in which a house lately stood.

To vouch, to call a person into court to make good his warranty.

To warrant to, to give security for the performance of a law contract.

Writ of Formedon—*secundum formam doni.* A writ which lies for him who has a right to lands and tenements by virtue of an entail arising from the statute "De donis" of Westminster 2, 13 Ed. I. cap. 1.

CHAPTER III.

The Records.

[1075]. Domesday. f. 47. col. 2. Hantescire.

The Land of Eudo Fitz Hubert.
In Ovretune Hundred.

Eudo Fitz Hubert holds Esse of the King, Ælwacre held of Earl Harold. Then it was taxed for 8 hides: now for 3 hides. There is land for 8 teams. In demesne there are 2 [teams], and 4 villains and 10 bordars with 3 teams. In the Church and 10 serfs and 3 acres of meadow. In the time of King Edward it was worth 7 pounds, and afterwards and now 6 pounds and 10 shillings: and this for half a hide which is less by Hugh the Sheriff.

[1258.] *Feet of Fines, Southampton.*

Hen. III. No. 494. 42 Hen. III. Trinity.

Fine between William Crok Pl^{t} and William de Kynemareford and Alice, his wife Deforciants, of 18 acres of land in Esshe. Def^{ts} acknowledged the right of Pl^{t}. To hold to him and his heirs, of Def^{ts} and the heirs of Alice, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* at Easter for all service, suit of Court, custom & exaction. For this acknowledgment Pl^{t} gave to Def^{ts} one sparrow-hawk.

[1265.] *Coram Rege Roll.*

49 Hen. III. m. 10. Michaelmas.

It was commanded that forasmuch as certain [disturbers] of the realm had occupied the Manor of John de Burgh

Senior of Asshe which he* has in custody by reason of the disturbance made in the realm &c. and have taken and carried away his goods and chattels there found, and still detain them, to his loss and injury, that he (the Sheriff) should cause the same John to have again his seisin of the said Manor and restitution to be made of his goods, and attach all residents and have their bodies here to answer to the King for such contempt &c. The Sheriff returned that he had commanded the bailiffs of the Liberty of the Bishop of Winchester, who had done nothing. Therefore it is commanded to the Sheriff not to omit on account of the said liberty to cause restitution of the Manor and goods to be made as above, and to have the resistants here in Hilary term.

[1276.] *Coram Rege Roll.*

4 Edward I. m. 4.

The Assize comes to recognise whether Reginald Fitz Peter (fit Petr*us*), John del Maner, and Richard de Cardevill, unjustly disseized Robert de Immere of his free tenement in Asshe, viz., one messuage, one carucate of land, one acre of meadow, 5 acres of wood, 12*s.* of rent. Def^{ts} did not appear, but Geoffrey Corbet, bailiff of Reginald, says for him that he made no such disseisin, and puts himself on the Assize. The Assize to be taken against John and Richard by default.

"The Jurors say upon their oath that rumours came to the aforesaid John *de* Maner, of whom the aforesaid Robert held the aforesaid tenements that the same Robert was drowned in the parts of Ireland, [and] he seized the aforesaid tenements into his hand as chief Lord of that fee, saving the right of every man, taking the explees thereof to the value of one mark, and he was in seisin of the aforesaid tenements as chief Lord for five days; and afterwards Richard de Cardevile came to the af^{d} Reginald, saying that he had right in the same tenements, and prayed that the af^{d} Reginald would give him power to enter into the af^{d} tenements, and he granted to him his right which he had;

* The Sheriff.

wherefore the afd Reginald ejected the afd John *de* Maners, and held himself in seisin till the feast of St Michael last past, at which time the said Robert returned from the parts of Ireland, and came to the afd Reginald and prayed him to render to him the afd tenement, who said that he would not render to him any tenement nor would further hold that tenement, but that he would render that tenement to him who granted it to him; and he rendered the afd tenement to the afd Ric. de Cardevile who until now has detained the afd from the same Robert. And because it is manifest that the afd Robert was disseised of the afd tenement, it is considered that the afd Robert shall recover his seisin, and the afd Richard for that he was possessor in bad faith (malefidei possessor), in mercy. And the afd Reginald who waived (wainanit) the afd tenement, and likewise the afd John who did nothing but what the chief lord ought to do, [are] quit from mercy. Damages 23½ marks, whereof the afd John answers for 1 mark which he received, and the afd Ric. de Cardevile of half a mark, and the afd Reginald of the rest."

[1280.] *Assize Rolls, Southampton.*

M 5 20 } 2. 8 Edw. I.

M. 1.—Pleas of Juries and Assizes before Solomon de Rochester and his associates Justices in Eyre at Winchester in the Octaves of St. Martin 8 Edw. I.

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M. 51.—[PLEAS OF THE CROWN.]

M. 53.—*The Hundred of Overton* comes by twelve *Jurors*.

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M. 54.—"They say that John de Mauer holds the *Manor* of Esse; and he formerly held it of John de *Burgh*, and now holds of the Lord, the King in chief by the *service* a fourth part of one Knight. And *Nicholas* (*sic*) *is* and acknowledges, and says that he has done *l* hon the Lord the King therefor, and this is witnes

worthy persons. Therefor the said *Henry* (*sic*) as to this [may go] therefrom without a day."

[1291.] *Feet of Fines, Southampton.*

Edw. I. No. 178. Michaelmas. 19 Edw. I.

Fine between John de Drokenesford Plaintiff and Thomas son of Philip Crok, Deforciant, of the Manor of Eston Crok, and 2 carucates of land in Todeworth, advowson of the church of Eston Crok, and one carucate of land in *Okeburne* and *Aisshe*. Thomas acknowledged the right of John; to hold to him and his heirs; and John granted to Thomas the said Manor except the advowson; to hold of John for Thomas's life, at the yearly rent of one mark of silver; reversion to John. John and his heirs will pay 25 marks yearly to Thomas during his life: power to Thomas to distrain in the said tenements of Todeworth Okeburne and *Aisshe*.

[1296.] *Feet of Fines, Southampton.*

No. 215. Michaelmas. 24 Edw. I.

Fine between Adam de Skelton Pl^{t}. (by Peter de Lincoln put in his place to gain or lose) and Richard de Overton Deforciant, by William de Lutternorth, of ten messuages, 151 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 17^{d} of rent, and the rent of 1 lb. of cummin with appurt^{s} in Overton, Asshe, and Quedamton. Richard acknowledged the right of Adam and his heirs, and will warrant against all men. For this acknowledgment Adam gave to Richard 100 marks of silver.

[1302.] *Feet of Fines, Southampton.*

Edw. I. No. 243. Michaelmas. 30 Ed. I.

Fine between John Randolf Pl^{t} (by Roger de Preslaund put in his place to gain or lose) and Adam de Skelton and Margery his wife Deforciants—of 10 messuages 151^{a} land 4^{a} meadow 4^{a} meadow 17^{d} rent, and the rent of 1 lb. of

cummin in Overton, Asshe, and Quedhampton. Def^ts^ acknowledge right of John and heirs, and will warrant against all men. John gave them 100 marks of silver.

[1305.] *Feet of Fines, Southampton.*

Edw. I. No. 263. Trinity. 33 Edw. I.

Fine between John Randolf and Joan his wife Pl^ts^ (by John de Bolyndon put in their place to gain or lose) and John de Drokenesford, clerk, Deforciant, of the Manor of Asshe next Overton and the advowson of the church of the same manor, and of one carucate of land and a half, and £10 11*s.* of rent in Chirchokle, Westokle, Dene, and Overton, except one messuage and one carucate of land in the same Manor. Randolf acknowledged Def^t's^ right, and Def^t^ granted to Pl^ts^ and the heirs of John R. of his body. In default of such heirs reversion to Def^t^ and his heirs.

Endorsed: John de la Bere put in his claim.

[1307.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Easter. 1 Edw. II. m. 194 *b.*

John Cleymund and Alice his wife appeared against Richard de Sutton [and the Abbot of Waverle]* of a plea of one messuage and two virgates and 8 acres of land in Asshe next Overton, and against the Abbot of Waverle of a plea of ten acres of wood in the same vill, which they claim as the right of the said Alice. Defendants did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to summon them, but returned that he had commanded the bailiffs of the Liberty of the Bishop of Winchester [to do so], who did nothing therein. Further precept to the Sheriff not to omit on account of that Liberty, but to summon them to appear in Michaelmas Term, &c.

M. 198.

Southampton.—John Cleymund and Alice his wife ap-

* Struck out.

peared against John Randolf and Joan his wife, of a plea of one messuage and 28 actres of land in Asshe next Overton. Adjourned to Michaelmas as above.

Southampton.—The same against the same, of a plea of one messuage and one virgate of land in the same vill. Adjourned as above.

Southampton.—The same against the same, of a plea of the Manor of Asshe next Overton, except 10 messuages 1 carucate and 11 virgates of land and 10 acres of wood in the same Manor, which they claim as the right of Alice. Adjourned as above.

Southampton.—The same against the same, of a plea of one messuage and one virgate of land in Asshe next Overton, the right of Alice. Adjourned as above.

Southampton.—The same against the same, of a plea of three messuages and three virgates of land in Asshe next Overton, right of Alice. Adjourned as above.

[1308.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Trinity. 2 Edw. II. m. 121.

Robert de Maners prays against the Abbot of Waverlee 15 acres of wood in Asshe next Overton, as his right, by writ of formedon. The Abbot prays view thereof. A day is given them on the morrow of St. Martin (Michaelmas term).

Southampton.—Robert de Maners prays against John Randolf and Joan his wife the Manor of Asshe next Overtone, except one messuage 2 virgates and 8 acres of land and 15 acres of wood in the same manor, which [*quæ*] Reginald FitzPeter gave to John de Maners in free marriage with Alice, daughter of the same Reginald, and which [*quæ*] after the death of the said John de Maners and Alice ought to descend to the aforesaid Robert, son and heir of the same John de Maners and Alice, by the form of the donation aforesaid.

John and Joan say they ought not to answer to this writ, because the said Robert demands the said Manor, but with exceptions, and then adds, "which Reginald Fitz Peter

gave," &c., making an incongruous relation. Robert cannot deny this and prays licence to withdraw from his writ, &c.

[1308.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Michaelmas. 2 Edw. II. m. 200.

It was commanded to the Sheriff to distrain Juliana, who was the wife of John Pelrym, to be here to acknowledge what right she claims in a third part of one messuage 186 acres of land 5 acres of meadow 25 acres of wood with app^{s} in Asche Polhampton, which William Pelrym in the King's Court here granted to John de Drokenesford by Fine. The Sheriff commanded the Bailiffs of Winchester, who did nothing. The Sheriff again ordered to distrain her to appear in Hilary term.

[1311.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Michaelmas. 4 Edw. II. m. 180^{d}.

Robert de Maners demands against John Randolf and Joan his wife the Manor of Asshe next Overton, except one messuage, two virgates, and 8 acres of land and 15^{a} of wood in the same Manor, which Reginald Fitz Peter gave to John de Maners in free marriage with Alice daughter of the same Reginald, and which after the death of John and Alice ought to descend to Robert as their son and heir, per formedon, John and Alice having been seized in the time of King Henry III. Defendants say that as to one messuage and 1 carucate of land of the premises the said John has nothing [therein], but Randolf holds them alone for term of his life by demise of John de la Sale and Katharine his wife, whom Def^{ts} vouch to warranty. As to the rest of the premises Def^{ts} say they hold to them and the heirs of the body of Randolf, and in default of such issue, the reversion belongs to John de Drokenesford and his heirs, by fine levied temp. Edw. I.; and they vouch Drokenesford to warranty. They are to produce the warrantors in Hilary Term. But at that date the warrantors did not appear; and the case was further adjourned to the Octaves of St. John Baptist [Trinity term.]

[1312]. *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Michaelmas. 5 Edw. II. m. 406.

John Randolf and Joan his wife by John de Bolyndon their attorney, appeared against John de Drokenesford and John de la Sale and Katharine his wife, "of a plea that they should be here at this day, of a plea that the af^{d} John de D. should warrant to them the Manor of Assh next Overton with appurt^{s} except 2 messuages, 1 carucate and 2 virgates and 8 acres of land, and 15 acres of wood in the same Manor, and of a plea that the af^{d} John de la Sale and Katharine should warrant to them one messuage and one carucate of land with app^{s} in the same Manor, which Robert de Maners claims in this Court as his right, &c." Def^{ts} did not appear. Judgment, that there be taken of their land to the value, &c. They are summoned to appear in Easter term next, and the same date is given to Rob. de Maners by John Payn his attorney.

De Banco Roll.

Easter. 5 Edw. II. m. 242.

Same matter. (*Randolf* v. *Drokenesford, &c.*)

The Sheriff returned that the writ came too late. The Def^{ts} summoned for Michaelmas term, when Rob. de Maners is also to appear.

De Banco Roll.

Trinity. 6 Edw. II. m. 136.

Randolf v. *Drokenesford* (only).

The Sheriff returned that he could not take of Drokenesford's land to the value, because he did not know the value of the Manor. The Sheriff John de la Beche is therefore in mercy for an insufficient answer. Adjourned to Michaelmas.

[1313.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Hilary. 6 Edw. II. m. 204.

Rob. de Maners demands against John Randolf & Joan his wife the Manor of Asshe next Overton except one messuage 2 virgates & 8 acres of land and 15ª wood, which Reginald Fitz Peter gave to John de Maners, (&c. as before.) As to 1 mess. & 1 carucate of land part of the premises John Randolf says he holds them alone for life by demise of John de la Sale, and Katharine his wife, who, being called to warranty, appear, and say that Reginald did not give the said messuage & carucate to the said John de Maners. Case adjourned. In Michas 9 Edw. II. a jury found that Reginald did not grant the said messuage and carucate to John de Maners, never having been in seisin thereof. Judgment, that Delasale & wife may go *sine die*, and Robert in mercy for a false claim.

[1313.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Michaelmas. 6 Edw. II. m. 186ᵈ.

The essoiners of John Randolf and Joan his wife appeared against John de Drokenesford, of a plea that he should warrant to them the Manor of Asshe next Overton, which Robert de Maners claims (except 2 mess. &c. as in Mich. 5 Ed. II.) Defᵗ made default, and the Sheriff is again ordered to take of his land into the King's hand to the value &c. Defᵗ being summoned for Hilary term.

(The Sheriff had commanded the Bailiffs of the Isle of Wight [to summon Defᵗ] but they did nothing.)

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m. 385ᵈ.

Same case.

The Sheriff did not return the Writ in Hilary term, and the parties were summoned for Trinity term.

[1314.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Michaelmas. 7 Edw. II. m. 301d.

Robert de Maners by William de Stonston his attorney demands against John Randolf and Joan his wife the Manor of Asshe next Overton except 2 messuages 1 carucate 2 virgates and 8 acres of land and 15a wood in the same Manor. Defts vouch John de Drokenesford to warranty—he appears by William Malerbe, his attorney, and warrants to them, and further vouches to warranty John Randolf, whom he is to have here in Easter term for the aid of the Court.

Southampton.—Nicholas le Ken of Chilbelton demands against John Randolf and Joan his wife three messuages and 24 acres of land in Asshe. Defts appear by Wm. de Lucy their attorney.

Adjourned to Hilary term.

[1316.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Michaelmas term. 9 Edw. II. m. 410d.

Robert de Maners demands against John de Drokenesford (whom John Randolf and Joan his wife vouched to warranty) the Manor of Asshe next Overton (except as before) which Reginald Fitz Peter gave (as before). John de D. appears & vouches John Randolf, who warrants to him; and as to 1 messuage & 1 virgate of land excepted from the said Manor, he vouches Ralph le Webbe of Overton; and as to one acre of land of the same Manor he vouches Richard de Sutton. He is to have them here in Easter term. Likewise as to two messuages one carucate of land and 4a meadow excepted from the Manor Randolf vouches to warranty Adam de Skelton and Margery his wife.

Rob. de Maners says that Randolf need not at present vouch as to the demesne for by his writ he (M.) claims only the services issuing from the same tenements in respect of the said Manor, and not the demesne. As to the two messuages 1 carucate & 1 acre of land & 4 acres of meadow, Randolf says that John de Maners was never in seisin

thereof. Pl^{t} says he at present claims nothing in the demesne of those ten^{ts} but only in the services due therefrom to the Manor. Randolf replies that the services due therefrom are appurtenant to the Manor of Crokeseston, and not to that of Asshe. And that as to two messuages one virgate and 36^{a} land and ½ acre of meadow and 120^{a} pasture of the said Manor, John de Maners did not have them of the gift of the said Reginald in free marriage with Alice, Reginald's daughter. As to the residue of the Manor except the tenements abovesaid, Randolf says that Robert can claim nothing, because one Robert de Maners father of the said John de Maners, "whose heir he is," died seised of all that residue, and John succeeded, so that John had nothing in that residue of the gift of Reginald as Pl^{t} supposes. A jury to be summoned.

Afterwards in Easter term 11 Edw. II. a jury found that the said services are belonging to the Manor of Crokeseston; and that John de Maners did not have the said 2 messuages 1 virgate and 36 acres of land &c. of the gift of Reginald; and that one Robert de Maners, father of John, died seized of the residue of the Manor of Asshe, and John entered as son and heir, and not by gift of Reginald. Judgment for Def^{t} John Randolf. Pl^{t} in mercy for a false claim.

[1331.] *Coram Rege Roll.*

Hilary. 4 Edw. III. m. 12^{d}.

Philip de Drokenesford came into Court and acknowledged his Deed as follows:—Whereas the Lord John Randolf and the Lady Joan his wife have and hold the Manor of Asshe in co. Southton of Philip's inheritance, for that the reversion thereof belonged to the Lord John de Drokenesford late Bishop of Bath & Wells, deceased, Philip's brother, whose heir he is,—Philip grants the reversion (after deaths of Lord John R. & Lady Joan) to the Lord John de Stonore Knight & his heirs. Witnesses named. Dated at London in the parish of St Peter the Less on Friday after Conversion of St Paul 4 Edw. III., at the beginning of that year.

[1347.] *Charter Roll.*

20 Edw. III. No. 12.

Grant to John de Stonore that he & his heirs shall have free warren in all their demesne lands of Asshe, Polhampton, and Churche Okle, in co. Southampton. Dated at Portesmuth, 28 May.

[1347.] *Exchequer Q. R. Miscell. Books, No.* 3.

Book of Aids, 20 Edw. III.

f. 287.—Particulars of the Account of Henry Sturmy & Robert de Seint Manystee collectors of the Aid from all Knights' fees granted to the King for making his eldest son a Knight, in the County of South^{n} in the 20th year;—from every fee 40*s.*

Hundred of Overton.

f. 291^{b}.—John de Stonor holds in Asshe a fourth part of one fee which was of John Randolf . . 10*s.*

(*Dene* also.)

[1355.] *Inquis^{ns}. post mortem..*

28 Edw. III. 1st Nos. No. 58.

John de Stonore, deceased.

Inquisitions in various counties.

Southampton.

Writ to William de Overton, Escheator, to take an Inquisition on Stonore's death, dated 20 Jan. 28 Edw. III.

Inquisition at Overton, Wednesday after St Scolastica, 29 Edw. III. The Jurors find that John de Stonore held the Manor of Asshe Maners of the Countess of Kent as of the Honor of Cammel by Knight service, that is to say, for a fourth part of one Knight's fee. He also held in the "said" vill of Asshe 100 acres of pasture of Matthew Fitz Herbert by the service of 20^{s} by the year for all service; also 100 acres of land, 10 acres of wood & one acre of meadow

in Polhampton of William kinsman & heir of William de Horwode by the service of one pair of gilt spurs, price 6d. Also other possessions in Churchokle and Overton. The whole premises are worth yearly £20. He died on Monday the Nativity of B. Mary last. John de Stonore Knight is his next heir, & is of full age.

The other Inquisitions state that the heir is 40, 44, 45, 30, & 22 years. Most of them say—"40 years & upwards."

[1362.] *Inquis. p. m.*

35 Edw. III. p. 2. 1st Nos. No. 57.

John de Stonore, deceased.

Inquisitions in various Counties.

Southampton.

Writ dated 12 Sept. 35 Edw. III. Inquisition at Winchester, 26 October 35 Edw. III. The Jurors say that John Stonore decd held the Manor of Aisshe of the Lady Isabella, eldest daughter of the King, as of her Manor of Hampstede Marchal, as of the fee of the Earl Marshal, by Knight service; in which Manor there is a capital messuage worth nothing yearly beyond reprises; also a dovecote worth nothing because ruinous; also 300 acres of arable land, each acre being worth yearly 1d; also 8 acres of meadow, each acre being worth yearly 12d; also 14 acres of several pasture, each acre being worth yearly 6d; also pasture for 800 sheep, worth yearly 26s 8d; also 20 acres of underwood, the pasture of which is worth nothing yearly, because it lies in common; also rents of free tenants 20s payable at the Annunciation & Michās by equal portions. The pleas & perquisites of Court are worth yearly 6d. Out of which, repaid to the Bp. of Winchester yearly of cert-money of the View of Overton 4s and to the same of certain rent in Overton 12s. Also to the Lord Edward de St John for rent in Kyngesdonne due to the Manor of Wolfreton by the year 20s. John died 10th July last. Edmund is son & heir, aged 15 years & above.

Two other inquisitions say that the heir is 14 & 16 years of age. Others agree with the Southampton Inquisition.

[1372]. *Close Roll.*

45 Edw. III. m^{s}. 6 & 4. (From Calendar.)

William de Wykham Bishop of Winchester releases to Edmund de Stonore all his right to a term of years in Edmund's Manor of Asshe and in all his lands in Overton Quydhampton Polhampton Okle and Asshe, South^{ton}.

[1393]. *Close Roll.*

16 Ric. III. m. 20^{d}. (From Calendar.)

John son and heir of Alan de Sutton released to the Bishop of Winchester Wm Perrot and William Wykeham certain lands in Asshe in the Hundred of Overton, Southton.

[1428.] *Exchequer Q. R. Miscellaneous Books, Southampton.*

No. 4. Subsidy, 6 Hen. VI.

Hundred of Basyngstoke.

Inquisition taken at Basyngstoke in co. South^{n} on the 24th day of June 6 Hen. VI. before Robert Penny and his associates, the King's commissioners.

This book is beautifully illuminated (in gold and colours).

Thomas Wykham Knight holds in Dene a fourth part of one Knight's fee, which was of John Mawdyt.

The same Thomas holds in Asshe a fourth part of a fee which was of John de Stonore.

The same Thomas holds in Quydhampton half a fee, which was of Roger Syfrewast.

[1475.] *De Banco Roll, Southton, Oxon.*

14 Edw. IV. Michas. m. 66.

Henry Fenys Lord of Say gives to the King for two writs 100^{s} for a license to agree with Edmund Neweton of a plea of covenant of the Manors of Asche Dene Quydamton Hall and Chircheok [ley] and 24 messuages 14 tofts 4 mills 800^{a}

meadow 1000ª pasture and £20 rent with appª in Asche Dene Quydamton Hall & Chircheokeley in co. Southampton, and one messuage lands &c. in Bloxham in co. Oxford. He has a chirograph [Fine] &c.

[1477]. *Close Roll.*

16 Edw. IV. m. 18ᵈ. (From Calendar.)

Release by John Fenys Esq. to Morgan Kedwelly and others the Manors of Quydamton Aysshe Dene Chirchokle and his messuage called Halleplace.

[1478]. *Inquisitions post mortem.*

17 Edw. IV. No. 45.

Margaret who was the wife of John Hervy and late wife of William Fenys late Lord of Say—deceased.

Inquisitions in several countries.

Southampton.

Writ dated 20th June 17 Edw. IV. Inquisition at Basingstoke, 26th October 17 Edw. IV. She died 20th May 17 Edw. IV. In Mich. 14 Edw. IV. a Fine was levied between Edward Neweton Plᵗ and Henry Fenys Lord of Say and Ann his wife and John Hervy Esq. and the said Margaret then his wife Deforciants, of the Manors of Asche Dene Quydamton Hall and Chyrcheokeley and 24 messuages 14 tofts 4 mills 800ª land 500ª meadow 1000ª pasture and £20 rent in those places; whereby Defᵗˢ released the same to Plᵗ who thereupon granted the premises to the said Henry & Anne and the heirs of their bodies. Henry died seized thereof and Ann survives, & is in possession. The premises are held of the Bishop of Winchester, by what services the jurors know not; they are worth yearly 40 marks. Richard Fenys Esq. is kinsman & heir of the said Margaret—viz. son of Henry, son of the said Margaret: he is aged 6 years and more.

Another Inquisition says the same as above with respect

to the heir; but the third says that Henry Say is kinsman & heir of Margaret, viz. son of Henry, son of Margaret, aged 3 years.

[1486–1494.] *Chancery Proceedings, Miscellaneous.*

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Bill of Richard Fenys, cousin and heir of William Wikeham, viz., son of Henry, son of Margaret, daughter of said William Wikeham was seized of the Manors of Church-Ocle, Quydampton, Asshe and Dean, and 8 messuages, 100^{a} land, 40^{a} pasture, and 12^{a} meadow in co. Southton, and other lands in Oxford and Somerset, and delivered the deeds and evidences relative thereto to Hugh Bedyll of Overton, for safe custody. Wikeham and Hugh Bedyll died, and the deeds have come to the hands of William Bedill, Hugh's son, who refuses to deliver the deeds up to plaintiff. Prays for a writ of subpœna.

[1497.] *Feet of Fines.*

Hilary. 12 Hen. VII.

Fine between Thomas Baro, clerk, Dean of the church of Wymburne, and Wm Filloll Demandants, and Richard Fenys, Esq., Morgan Kedwelly and Ric. Potyer Defendants, of the Manor of Ashe with app^{s}. Thomas and William had of the gift of Def^{ts} and grant to the said Ric. Potyer, for the term of one month, after which the Manor shall remain to the said Morgan and Joan his wife, without impeachment of waste.

[1497.] *Feet of Fines, Southampton.*

Hilary. 12 Hen. 7.

No. 6.

Fine between Thomas Baro, clerk, Dean of the Church of

* No date, but it is addressed to John [Morton] Abp. of Canterbury, Lord Chancellor, who held the office from 1486 to 1500; but as he is not called "Cardinal" its date was probably before 1494.

Wymburne, and William Filloll, Demandants, and Richard Fenys, Esquire, Morgan Kedwelly, and Richard Potyer, Defendants, of the Manor of Asshe with appurtenances. Def^{ts} acknowledge the Manor to be the right of the said Thomas as that which he and William have of their gift, and for this acknowledgment, Plaintiffs granted to the said Richard Potyer for the term of one month, after which the Manor shall remain to the said Morgan and Joan his wife, without impeachment of waste; and after their deaths, it shall remain to the said Ric. Fenys and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of the same Richard.

See also De Banco Roll Hilary 12 Hen. VII. m. 21. (Not inspected, but it no doubt refers to this fine).

[1504.] *Inquis. p. m. Southampton.*

19 Hen. VII. No. 28.

Richard Fenys, of Broughton in Oxon. Esq. deceased.

Writ to the Escheator for further inquiry. 4 March 18 Hen. VII. [1503.]

Inquisition taken at Winchester 8 Nov. 19 Hen. VII. [1503] before John Waryn Escheator. Names of Jurors. They say that R. F. was seized in fee of more lands and tenements in co. South^{n} than those which are specified in the inquisition returned into Chancery; viz.: 1 burgage 1 garden and 2 acres of meadow called Kyrkebyesmede in Overton formerly of Wm Wykeham, Esq. and 16 acres of land in *Asshe* in the south field there, and 8^{a} meadow and 40^{s} arable land in Southampton formerly of Wm Wykeham and afterwards of Hugh Bedyll. Tenures &c., of the lands in Overton and Southampton. The said 16 acres in Asshe are held of Sir Morgan Kydwelly K^{t} by fealty only for all services and are worth yearly 20^{d}; and Robert Smyth of Overton has received the issues and profits since the death of R. Fenys. Edward Fenys is son and heir of Richard, aged 2 years and more.

[1506.] *Escheat's Inquisition. Southampton.*

20–24 Hen. VII. Tho. Dabriggecourt Eschr.
No. 7.

[There are other Inquisitions on M. Kydwelly in Somerset and Dorset in this year.]

No. 8.

Inquisition at Mortfont 18 Nov. 21 Hen. VII. [1505]. Jurors named. They say that in Parliament 1 Hen. VII. [1485] it was ordained that Richard III. late *de facto* and not *de jure* King of England should be attainted of high treason and forfeit all his Manors lands &c. and that Morgan Kydwelle Esq. aft^{ds} Knight was seized of the Manor of Ayshe next Basyngstoke to the use of the said King and his heirs, which Manor is worth yearly £20. Morgan received the profits till 1 Feb. 10 Hen. VII. [1505] since when Joan his widow has done so.

[1506]. *Patent Roll.*

21 Hen. VII. p. 3, m. 22 (2).

Pardon and release to Joan Kydwelly of Langton, Dorset, widow and executrix of Sir Morgan Kydwelly, K^t, the King's Butler in the Port of Lyme and Weymouth, Dorset, Justice of the Peace in county Dorset, of all offences, and of all intrusions into the Manor of Aysshe next Basyngstoke, which came to the King's hands by the forfeiture of King Richard III., and by virtue of an inquisition taken before Thomas Dabrichecourt Escheator, and in other lands in certain places (named) in Somerset and Dorset: also of all the revenues thereof. The King then grants to the said Joan the said Manor, &c., with all revenues. 28 April.

[1525.] *Patent Roll.*

16 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 8.

Lease (by the advice of the Surveyors-General) to Henry

Thornton, one of the King's Serjeants at arms, of the Manor of Ayshe next Basyngstoke, Southton, with messuages, lands, fisheries, mills, &c., which came to the King's hands by the death of Lady Joan Kydwelly, widow, to whom King Henry VII. granted the same for her life, it having come to the hands of that King by the attainder of Richard III., as appears in an Inquisition before Thomas Dawbrigecourte, late Escheator in that county, remaining in the Exchequer: except all woods, wardships, mines, quarries, advowsons, &c.: term 21 years: yearly rent £20, and 20^{s} of increase. Lessee to repair, and to have firebote, haybote, hedgebote, &c. 11th July.

[1527.] *Patent Roll.*

18 Hen. VIII. p. 1, m. 1.

Commission to Arthur Viscount Lysle, Sir William Pawlett, Knight, Ralph Pexsall, Henry Whyte and Richard Andrews, Esquires.

By the Petition exhibited to the King by Elizabeth West widow the King has understood that whereas Robert Checheley John Rogers, Hugh Bedill and Henry Johnson were seized of and in the Manor of Asshe in co. South^{tn} in fee, and by their charter dated 5th January (1475) 14 Edw. IV. enfeoffed thereof John Morton LL.D., John Paulet Esq., Richard Hill clerk then vicar of Fordyngdon, Peter Boyle chaplain Christ^{r} Syngelton Richd Bagenall and William Bedwale their heirs and assigns to the use of Sir Morgan Kydwelly Knight and his heirs; and they being so seized, a Fine was levied in Hilary term (1497) 12 Henry VII. between Thomas Baro clerk then Dean of the church of Wynborne and Wm. Fillok demandants and Richard Fenys Esq. and the said Morgan Kidwelly and Richard Potyer deforciants of the said manor of Asshe, whereby the deforciants acknowledge the right of Baro &c. and the demandants thereupon granted to Potyer for one month, after which the Manor should remain to the said Morgan and Joan then his wife without impeachment of waste for term of their lives, with remainder after their deaths to the said Ric. Fenys and the said Eliza-

beth (the petitioner) then his wife, and the heirs of the same Richard, who died in the lifetime of Morgan and Joan, whereupon the remainder of the fee simple descended to Edward Fenys, as son and heir of Richard, which Edward is still living; afterwards Morgan died, and Joan survived, and she being so seized, it was found by an Inquisition taken at Motfont in the said county 18 November (1505) 21 Hen. VII. before Thomas Daverichecourt, Escheator, by virtue of his office (the jurors names are given), that whereas in the Parliament holden at Westm^{r} 7 Nov. (1485) 1 Hen. VII. it was ordained and established that Richard late *de facto* and not *de jure* King of England the Third should be attainted of high treason and should forfeit to the King all the castles lordships manors lands and tenements which he held or any persons held to his use on 21 Aug. (1485) 1 Hen. VII., and that Morgan Kidwelly then Esquire and afterwards Knight on the same 21st day was seized of the Manor of Aisshe next Basyngstoke in fee to the use of the said King Richard and his heirs, which Manor is worth yearly £20, and that the said Morgan received the issues and profits thereof from the said 21st August till 1st February (1505) 20 Hen. VII., and from the latter date the said Joan Kidwelly, late wife of Morgan, received the issues and profits thereof till the taking of the Inquisition, which remains in the Exchequer; and afterwards King Henry VII. by letters patent dated 28 April (1506) 21 Hen. VII. granted to the said Joan the said Manor of Asshe being in the King's hands for whatsoever cause, and all its issues and profits from Michaelmas then last past; and the Petitioner says that neither she nor her husband nor Edward Fenys nor Morgan nor Joan were attainted by the said Act, and denies that Morgan was seized of the Manor to the use of the said late King Richard III., the only evidence of which is the said untrue Inquisition; wherefore she humbly prayed the King to administer justice to her in this behalf. The King wishing what is just to be done, appoints the persons above named to inquire by jury in co. Southampton of the truth of all and singular the premises and their circumstances, and to return the Inquisitions into Chancery. Dated at Westminster 6 July (1526) [18 Hen. VIII.]

[1528.] **Inquis. p. m. 19 Hen. VIII. No. 50.**

I. Commission to Nicholas Tycheburn Ric. Andrews and John Wyntershull Esquires, at the petition of Edward Fenys, son and heir of Ric. Fenys, Esq. dec^d (referring at length to the matters mentioned in Patent Roll 18 Hen. VIII.) to inquire as to those matters. 8 January 19 Hen. VIII. [152⅞.]

II. Inquisition at Winchester, 24 Jan. 19 Hen. VIII., before Tychebourn and Andrews. Commissioners to inquire concerning certain articles between the King and Edw. Fenys, Esq., concerning the Manor of Asshe. Names of jurors. They say that Sir Morgan Kydwelly K^t was not seized of the said Manor in fee to the use of King Richard III. and his heirs on 21 Aug. 1 Hen. VII., or at any time afterwards. Robert Chycheley and others were seized thereof, and by their charter, 5 Jan. 14 Edw. IV. (147⅘), they enfeoffed John Moreton &c. &c. (as in Patent Roll 18 Hen. VIII.)

Ric. Fenys died 1 October 17 Hen. VII. (1501).

Sir Morgan K. died at Osprynge in Kent, 11 March 20 Hen. VII. (150⅘).

Joan K. his wife died 24 June 16 Hen. VIII. (1524) at Buklond in Somerset.

Elizabeth West died 29 March 18 Hen. VIII. (152⅘).*

[1528.] Inquis. p. m. 19 Hen. VIII. No. 73.

Elizabeth West widow deceased. Southampton.

Writ 30 May 19 Hen. VIII. (1527).

Inquisition at Andevar 4 July, on death of Elizabeth West widow of William West Esq. and formerly wife of Ric. Fenys Esq. Lord de Say. The jurors say that Edward Fenys Esq. was seized of the Manors of Elreston Dean Quidhampton Hall and Church Okeley and the advowson of the *church of Dean*, and by his charter appointed certain

* It seems that notwithstanding this verdict the Manor remained in the King's hands. See Ministers' Accounts, 27–28 Hen. VIII., No. 17.

trustees to the use of his will &c. By another charter he granted to the said Elizabeth his mother the said Manors and advowson and a close called Kyrbysmede alias Newclose and all other his lands in the said county, for her life. She died 29 March 28 Hen. VIII. [153$\frac{6}{7}$]. Edward is son and heir aged 26 years. The tenures and values are set out.

[1536]. Ministers' Accounts 27–28 Hen. VIII. No. 17.

Accounts of all Bailiffs, Ministers, &c. of lands &c. forfeited to the King by divers persons attainted of high treason.

Manor of Aysshe next Basingstoke in co. Southampton.

Account of John Aylyff assignee of Henry Thorneton Farmer there.

ARREARS.—None, as in the foot of the last account of the year next preceding it more fully appears.*

FARM.—But he answers for 21^{l} of the farm of the said Manor and of all and all manner of messuages houses cottages lands tenements meadows feedings pastures rents services waters fisheries mills with suit† appertaining to the same mill and other profits and emoluments whatsoever to the said Manor appertaining, which came to the King's hand by the death of the Lady Joan Kydwelly, to whom King Henry VII. had granted it for life, it having come to Henry VII. by the attainder of Richard III., except woods, wardships, mines &c., so demised to farm to Henry Thorneton by the Surveyors General of the King's lands, by letters patent 11th July 16 Hen. VIII. for 21 years, at the yearly rent of £21, with a covenant by lessee to keep the houses &c. in repair.

Sum, £21, which he (Aylyff) delivered to Sir Brian Tuke Treasurer of the King's Chamber viz. on 18 May 28 Hen. VIII. £10 10*s.*, and on 17 Nov. £10 10*s.*

Two receipts by Tuke are appended.

* Not found in 26–27 Hen. VIII. None in 25–26.

† *Scota*; doubtless an error for *Secta*.

[1537.] Patent Roll 28 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 9.

Grant to Sir William Fitzwilliam K.G., Treasurer of the King's Household of the site and precinct of the late Abbey of St. Mary of Waverley in co. Surrey, and various Manors Rectories &c. thereto lately belonging in Surrey, Southton and Berks; and all manors, lands, mills, &c. in Benstd, Halybourne, Abton, Micheldever, South Stoname, *Asshe*, Dummer, and Frynsham in co. Southt. to the said late Abbey lately belonging, in as ample manner as William Alynge, late Abbot, held the same. To hold to grantee his heirs and assigns of the King in chief by Knight service, and a yearly rent of £23 12*s.* 10½*d.* in the name of a tenth for the premises and other lands hereby granted. Also grant of the corn and grain growing on the premises 20th July.

[1558.] *Exchequer L.T.R. Memoranda Roll.*

Hilary, 1 Elizabeth, m. 99. (From Calendar.)

Richard Woseley Gent. summoned to shew by what title he holds the Manor of Ashe in co. Southampton, and why it ought not to be seized into the Queen's hands by reason of alienation.

[1559.] *Exchequer L.T.R. Memoranda Roll.*

Easter, 2 Elizabeth, m. 52. (From Index.)

Margaret Worselley Widow to shew by what title she holds the site and demesne lands of the Manor of Aysshe in co. Southampton.

[1580.] *Exchequer L.T.R. Memoranda Roll.*

Trinity, 22 Elizabeth, m. 161. (From Index.)

Richard Fynes Esq. to be discharged from accounting for the Manor of Aysshe in co. Southampton.

[1609.] *Exchequer Bills and Answers, Southampton.*

7 James I. No. 234.

John Patye of Chevely, Berks, yeoman, *v.* Francis Palmes of Overton, gent., Andrew Holdipp, gent., and John Dowse of Overton, gent.

I. Commission to Lawrence Jackson clerk, John Orpood clerk, and Leonard Elye gent. to take the Answer of the Defendants, 16 June 7 James I.

II. Bill of complaint of John Patye.—John Twyne, being possessed of a capital messuage or farm called Ashe Farm in co. Southampton for divers years yet to come, upon a conviction of fraud in 44 Elizabeth (1602) in the Court of Star Chamber was fined to her Majesty at £400, to be paid by £40 a year, for the payment whereof Francis Palmes (Def^t) and John Lynesey of Overton yeoman together with Twyne (as his sureties) became bound to her Majesty; and Twyne in his lifetime paid £200 thereof, and died, making John Twyne his son executor. He was also indebted to Pl^t by Statute-merchant in £500, and in satisfaction thereof the son about Michaelmas last by deed assigned to Pl^t the said lease of Ashe Farm, by virtue whereof Pl^t entered into possession. Since then, in Trinity term last, it was ordered by the Court of Exchequer that unless the said J. Twyne would pay to the King the remainder of the fine, the lease should be sold to the said F. Palmes for £150. Pl^t did not have notice of that Order till four days before it was "out," and for preserving his possession did compound with Palmes and agreed to pay him the said £150, and he entered into bond (with Palmes as his surety) to —— Holdipp for furnishing Pl^t with that sum and 6 or 7 loads of oats, and pease in the straw.

Simon Holdippe of Ashe and Deane, in co. South^n clerk, aged 40 years, says there was an agreement between him and Pl^t that he should procure to be lent to Pl^t £40 and no more, upon the bond of Pl^t and Mr. Francis Palmes, for the instalment of a debt upon a fine in the Star Chamber. The £40 was procured from Andrew Holdippe, and was left with Deponent till a motion should be made in Court, but the motion took no effect, and the money was restored.

Richard Money of Estwoodhay, co. South^{tn} gent., aged 43 years, says that John Twyne, executor of John Twyne, entered into a Statute of £500 to Pl^{t} before the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in "Candlemas term" 5 Jas. I. for payment of a debt of £260, part whereof was the marriage portion of the Pl^{ts} wife. In Easter term 6 Jas. I. £60 and odd were paid into the Common Pleas by Pl^{t} to the use of Sir James Deane for the rent of Ashe farm. Andrew Holdippe kept Sir James Deane's books of account. In Trinity 6 James I., Sir J. Deane being lately dead, it was ordered in the Common Pleas that the Pl^{t} in the *ejectione firmæ* might bring a new action.

After Palmes had (as he said) an injunction to put him in possession, Palmes promised that if Pl^{t} would pay him £150 he should receive no prejudice by the said injunction, but afterwards refused to make over the benefit thereof, because Dowce (who was joined with him in the injunction) would not appoint a time for receiving the money.

John Hunt of Lutchfield in the parish of Ashe, yeoman, aged 30, speaks as to the conveyance by Twyne to Pl^{t} who was in poss^{n} 3 months.

William Twyne of Ashe yeoman, aged 58, says that John Twyne the father in his will bequeathed to his daughter Margery Pt^{ts} wife £200.

William Mysselbrooke of Overton Southton, taylor, aged 40, deposes touching the "fetches" and wheat.

George Ayliffe of Southington in the parish of Overton, yeoman, aged 34, says that the assignment by Twyne to Pl^{t} was done in the parsonage house of Ashe. The farm house was very old.

Thomas Twyne of Overton yeoman, aged 21, speaks as to the legacy to Pl^{ts} wife, who is his sister. £60 more was given to her by Alice Twyne, her mother, without her father's knowledge. Deponent was appointed by Pl^{t} to take in "joystments" (agistments) to feed and depasture in the farm, and he let to Paul Younge some of the grounds, called the Heath.

Richard West of Hampsteede Marshall Berks, yeoman, aged 50, says he was chosen an arbitrator on Pl^{ts} part, but could not obtain a meeting with Def^{ts}.

Douce set forth in a note what coin pay &c. he had taken, besides the household stuff which he wished "might be delivered to the poor woman young Twyne's wife."

Jane Twyne, wife of John Twyne jun^{r} of Ashe, aged 26, says that Pl^{t} was put out on the morrow of Michaelmas day last, and Mr. Andrew Holdippe has taken the profits ever since. There was much household stuff of Pl^{ts} as bedding, brass, pewter, and brewing vessels. The farm, goods and corn were delivered to Palmes.

Richard Pococke of Shawe, Berks, yeoman, aged 54, says the farm is worth £260 a year, and he has offered to be tenant at that rent.

On the part of the Defts.:—

Simon Holdhipp, clerk, parson of Ashe and Dean in co. South^{n} aged 40 years, says that the lease shewn to him is that made by Sir Jas. Deane to John Twyne the elder for 21 years. About 3 years past J. Twyne jun^{r} surrendered it, and took a new lease of Sir J. for 27 yrs. for which he was to pay £250, which was not paid, nor any rent. Sir Jas. re-entered 15 Oct. 5 Jas. I. and made a lease to Ric. Holdhipp to try an *ejectione firmæ* against Rob. Small undertenant of Twyne. Numerous other particulars. Andrew Holdhipp was executor to Sir J. Deane.

Richard Monge of Eastwoodheye, South^{n} gent. aged 43, also ex^{d}.

Thomas Readinge of Ashe husbandman, aged 30, ex^{d}.

Wm. Bannynge of Overton, husbandman, aged 50.

Paul Younge of Deane, husbandman, aged 33, ex^{d}.

William Butler of Deane, husbandman, aged 30, ex^{d}.

Richard Holdhip of Ashe gent. aged 34.

Andrew H. paid the £150 for which the farm was seized to the King.

Thomas Twyne ex^{d}.

Blysset, Plt^{s} servant, is mentioned.

III. Interrogatories on part of Pl^{t}.

IV. Do. on part of Def^{ts}.

[1609.] *Exchequer Depositions.*

Mich. 7 James I.

No. 18.

Patye v. *Douce and Others.*

I. Commission to Nicholas Fuller Esq. and others to take Depositions. 5 July 7 Jas. I.

II. Depositions taken at the sign of the Lyon in Newbery 26 Sept. 7 Jas. I.

On the part of Plaintiff:—

Thomas Blyssett of Dennington, Berks, yeoman, aged 60, says that John Twyne executor of John Twyne, did set over unto the Pl^{t} all his interest in Ashe Farme co. South^{n} consideration of a legacy of £200 to Pl$^{t's}$ wife by John Twyne the Father. Deponent was Pl$^{t's}$ servant. Pl^{t} sold 7 acres of "fetches" to one Mysselbrooke, and some of the hay grown there to "some" of Overton. Pl^{t} let part to Smale, of Deane, who sowed barley: John Douce offered £25 for part of the corn, but it was not accepted. He knows of no decay of the farm when Pl^{t} was put out of possession by Injunction, saving only in an old stable parcel thereof, from which he hath seen some of Parson Holdippe his servants to fetch boards and carry them to the parsonage. The under-sheriff put Deponent and other servants out of possession, and delivered possession to Mr. Francis Palmes, who delivered it to Richard Holdippe. There were left in the house these goods, viz., in the hall, two framed tables, in the chambers, two joined bedsteads, and one other for servants, with two feather-beds, and one flock-bed, furnished with coverlets and blankets; also one great iron bar in [the] kitchen chimney, a pair of andirons, and some kett'es and tubs. In the barns, the wheat of 50 acres, 20 loads of hay. But Palmes by combination with the said Holdipp brother to *Andrew Holdipp, owner of the inheritance of the said Farm*, caused him to disappoint Pl^{t} of the money, that so the interest of the Farm might fall into Palmes' hands, being of far greater value than Palmes was to disburse. For non-payment by Pl^{t}. Palmes by Injunction out of this Court has gotten possession

of the Farm, being of the yearly value of £120, and wherein there were some four years to come, and of divers goods and household stuff of Pl^t^ worth £140, and expelled Pl^t^ his wife and children, and did daily waste spoil and "ymbesill" the said goods &c. The Pl^t^ has offered to reimburse Palmes for all moneys expended by him &c. The said Andrew Holdipp of London gent., desiring to get into his hands the said lease and interest was a special contriver and practiser in this subtle dealing, and Palmes has since made over the lease to him, and he now enjoys it, making great spoil of Pl^tts^ goods. Pl^t^ believes that Holdipp paid to Palmes only the £140 due to the King as part of the said Fine. Further, John Dowse of Overton gent. solicitor to Palmes and Holdipp retained counsel in the name of John Twyne the younger, without his knowledge, who (the counsel) did give consent to the said Order made in Trinity term last for selling the Farm to Palmes. Dowse has since promised Pl^t^ an end in this business and caused him to travel to Palmes, being far distant, divers times, and to bring five or six of his neighbours to end it in peaceable manner, but Palmes Holdipp and Dowce never kept the appointments. Palmes and Holdipp "are altogether led and carried in this business by the said John Dowce." Prays for relief &c.

III. Answer of J. Dowce A. Holdippe and F. Palmes, Def^ts^ Sir James Deane K^t^ was seized in fee of the capital messuage and farm called Ashe Farm and by Indenture dated 27 Nov. (1590) 33 Elizabeth demised the same to John Twyne the elder for 21 years at the yearly rent of £125, payable twice a year, with a condition of forfeiture if the rent were unpaid for 60 days. It is true that Twyne was convicted of fraud and fined £400 in the Star Chamber &c. as in the Bill. After Twyne's decease John Twyne the younger about three years since surrendered the lease to Sir James Deane, and took a new lease for 27 years at the same rent, upon condition of forfeiture if £250 were not paid by him to Sir James, viz. on 2 Feb. 1606 (–7) £100, on 2 Feb. 1607 (–8) £150; which sums were not paid, and Sir James re-entered and made a lease of the Farm for 3 or 4 years to Richard Holdippe, and brought an "ejectione firmæ" against Robert

Smale an undertenant of Twyne, and had judgment for his (Sir James's) lessee in the Common Pleas. If J. Twyne the younger entered into any statute bond to the Pl^{t} it was done without consideration, they being brothers-in-law, to deceive the late Queen or the King of the said fine, and Twyne's other creditors. After he failed to pay the instalment (of the fine), process went out of the Exchequer to the Sheriff against him and his sureties, and Twyne the elder's lease was seized, and an order was made in Easter 5 James I. to sell the rest of the term to the said sureties, of whom Palmes was one, if Twyne the younger did not pay the rest of the debt of £200, which he did not do, and by another Order in Trinity 6 James I. the term was ordered to be sold to Palmes and the other surety, who compounded with the King's patentee to put over the same to Dowse in trust for the said Andrew, and the Sheriff by process and injunction of the Exchequer delivered possession to Dowse. Palmes then denies or explains the parts of the Bill relating to himself. Andrew Holdippe says Twyne the younger through his need and ill husbandry let the farm much to decay, and Holdippe was enforced to buy out the supposed interest to keep his lands from further spoil and to have his rent. He also refers to the corn straw and hay on the farm. Half a year's rent was due to him of the said £125 on Sir James Deane's decease. He denies other statements of Pl^{t} Dowce also replies. Dated 21 June 7 Jas. I.

IV. Replication by Pl^{t} reaffirming his allegations and denying certain statements in the answer.

[1610.] *Inquis. p. m. Southampton.*

8 James I. p. 2. m. 184.

Sir James Deane, Knight, deceased.

Writ dated 15 June 6 James I. [1608.] Inquisition Indented, taken at Overton 12 Aug. 6 James I. [1608] before Nicholas Bould Esq. Escheator, by the oath of Francis Palmes gent. Henry Hobbs gent. John Husey James Rumbolt Thos. Poynter Wm. Brexton James Knight

Rob. Longe . . . . . Perry Thos. Sylver Geo. Aylyffe Rowland Drewet John Hart John Hunt and Thomas Holland: who say upon their oath that Sir Jas. Deane was seized in fee of the Manors of Deane and Ashe, and of a house called the Hospitall and one acre of pasture adjoining purchased from Wm. Looker Esq., and also of the Manor of Hingeston alias Hinxton in co. Camb. and of one messuage and 18ª pasture called Churchfeild in Hackney Midd. purchased from John Machell Esq., and of a house called "the Angle" in the town of Basingstoke, and 3 messuages there in Londonstrete, and of the advowson of the church of Deane and Ashe. By his last Will dated 19 August 5 Jas. I. [1607] he appointed Sir Jas Lancaster Kt Sir John Jolles Kt John Chamberlen and Andrew Holdippe his executors, and Paul Bannynge, Edward Levynge Rob. Buck and Thos. Fitch, citizens of London, overseers of his will. He bequeathed for the erection of the said house called "the Hospitall" in Basingstoke and the placing of eight poor people (pauperum) there to be supported and relieved for ever and for an annual stipend and annuity for the maintenance of the said poor people, to be issuing out of the said Manor of Ashe, and for yearly pensions to certain other poor people in the said town of B., and for the disposition of the houses of the said Hospital and of the said Manors of Deane and Ashe in the English words following:—(The will is then recited). 2 of the 8 poor old men and women were to come from the parish of Deane and Ashe, and to be appointed by the parson and churchwardens of that parish. Names of trustees, all inhabitants of the Hundred of Basingstoke. The pensions &c. charged on the Manor or Farm of Ashe, in the tenure of John Twyne yeoman. The same trustees are to receive a further sum for the support of a preacher in Basingstoke and for augmenting the stipend of the schoolmaster of the grammar school in the Holy Ghost Chapel in B. The moneys to be paid to the trustees in the town house called the Mottehalle (or Mothall) of B. His cousin Sir James Lancaster to nominate the preacher and schoolmaster, and after his death, all the trustees to appoint. Also an annuity for relief of the poor in B., out of the Manor

of Deane. Other trustees for relief of the poor in St. Katherine Colman's London; the money payable out of the Manor of Ashe, in the "tendringe house" at the Royal Exchange. A similar trust for the poor of St. Olave's Hart Street London, payable out of the same Manor. He bequeaths the Manor or Farm of Ashe with all appurt[s] except the close called the Farm Close and Deane Meade, parcel of the Manor of Deane, and lying near the church of Deane to Andrew Holdippe one of the sons of Alice Holdippe, testator's sister, and the heirs of his body; or in default of such issue, to John Chamberlen one of the sons of Margery Chamberlyn,* and the heirs of his body; or in default, to Michael Shrimpton one of the sons of testator's late sister Margaret S. and the heirs of his body; or in default, to John Deane, son of Richard Deane, testator's uncle, his heirs and assigns. He bequeaths the Manor of Deane (in the tenure of John Twyne by indenture) to James Deane, testator's servant, "his heirs and assigns;" to hold "to him and the heirs of his body;" or in default of such issue, or of payment of the annuity above charged on the Manor, to William Deane, brother of the said James, and the heirs of his body; or, in default as above, to John Deane of Basinge glover and the heirs of his body; then to right heirs of testator. When only three trustees survive, they are to make a fresh conveyance.

Particulars as to the disposal of the lands in other counties, and the Angel &c. in Basingstoke. He bequeathed the advowsons of Deane and Ashe to Simon Holdippe clerk his heirs and assigns.

Sir James Deane died 15 May 6 James I. (1608). Names of the children of testator's sisters, and of Olive Clarck widow a legatee. Margery Chamberlen and James Holdippe were coheirs (at law).

The Manors of Deane and Ashe and the advowson are held of the Bishop of Winchester as of his Bishopric by fealty only, in free and common socage, and worth yearly, clear, £35 10*s*. The tenures of the other possessions are set out.

* Another sister of testator, as appears elsewhere in the Inquisition.

[1649. 28 *June.*] *Royalist Composition Papers.*

2nd Series, Vol. 41, pp. 549–550.

Thomas Willis, of Ash, S^ton^, Esq.

His delinquency—that being Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and attending the House of Peers by order of that House he went into the country in 1643, from whence he was fetched by a party of horse into Oxford, where by command he executed his office, but returned voluntarily in 1645 and submitted to the Parl^t^ and petitioned the House of Lords, now dissolved.

He petitioned here 28 April 1649.

He compounds for a fine &c.

On the marriage of his eldest son Thomas Willis Esq. deceased 2d March 1643 (–4), he settled on him for life, with remainder to Katharine his son's wife for her jointure, &c. the Manor of Ash, Southton, of the yearly value of £350, over and above 86*l.* 18*s.* payable out of it for ever for charitable uses. He died without issue. His fees as Clerk of the Crown are £66 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly.

He craves allowance of £1000, debt to Dame Elizabeth Tolmache, for which in 8 Chas. I. he mortgaged part of the premises to Sir Lionel Tolmache for 200 years &c. Also £1500 debt to Richard Beringer Esq. for which in 10 Chas. I. he mortgaged the capital messuage and lands in Ash for 200 years, &c. &c. Also £1000 to Simon Folkes of Chiveley in Cambridge Gent. for which in 5 Chas. I. he mortgaged part of the premises for 100 years, &c.

P. 552–555.—Affidavits in support of the foregoing statements as to mortgages.

P. 558.—Petition of Thomas Willys giving further particulars as to capture by the King's forces &c.

P. 559.—"Particular" of his estate.

If he survive his daughter-in-law and after payment of mortgages he will have an estate in the Manor of Ash to the yearly value of £400: out of which there is issuing to charitable uses 86*l.* 8*s.* viz. to the Town of Bassingstoake 76*l.*; to the parish of St. Olave Hartestreete London 5*l.* 4*s.*

and to the parish of St. Katharine Coleman London 5*l.* 4*s.* His office 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; he has been out of possession thereof for 5 years and 4 months. His personal estate to a very great value hath been wholly seized and taken from him by soldiers and others since these troubles. Desires to compound.

In 1885, when the Ashe Warren Farm was sold by Colonel Portal to H. L. Cripps, Esq., the above charities were redeemed by a money payment, thus rendering the Ashe Manor free of charges.

CHAPTER IV.

The Living.

The Ecclesiastical affairs of each individual parish, as far as the years long gone by are concerned, must of necessity be buried in obscurity. Still, out of a few things it is possible to make a fairly good collection.

Domesday Book.

This is the first record of church affairs in Ashe that is extant.

In Edward I. the next survey of England was taken, but whereas Domesday was a survey of the Manors of England,

The Taxatio Ecclesiastica

was of the livings of England.

In 1283 Pope Nicholas IV., to whom and to whose predecessors in the Papal See "First Fruits and Tenths had been paid," granted them to Edward I. for six years towards defraying the cost of a Crusade.

Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai.

Deanery of Basingestok.

	£	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
Church of Asshe . .	5	0	0	10	0
	(Taxation)			(Tenth)	

(Circa 1288–1291).

In 1342 Edward III. required money for prosecuting the French Wars, and

Inquisitiones Nonarum.

were taken.

Inquisitiones Nonarum.

Southampton.

Presentments and Inquisitions upon the value of the 9th of sheaves fleeces and lambs of all the parishes underwritten—granted to the King: made before the Abbot of Beaulieu and his associates, vendors and assessors of the subsidy of the 9th aforesaid, &c. by virtue of the King's Commission dated 26 January 15 Edw. III.

Church of Asshe.

Joan who was the wife of John Randolf Knight, for the ninth of the sheaves fleeces and lambs of the said church, 32*s.* 4*d.*; and further she does not answer for the tax of the church aforesaid, for that the residue of the said tax consists in small tithes and oblations, which are worth nothing beyond the support of one chaplain.

This was only a means of raising money.

In 1535 Henry VIII. caused the

King's Valor

to be taken. This survey was necessary, because Henry seized the "First Fruits" and Tenths, which had used to go to the Pope, and transferred them to the Crown.

Valor Ecclesiasticus. (1535).

Rectory of Ashe. (Deanery of Basingstoke).

Dr. Leefe now Rector.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
It is worth in the farm of land called glebe land tithes and oblations, as it appears, by the "said" roll	10	0	0
Reprises in Procurations as it appears by the said roll	0	8	8
And it is worth beyond . . .	9	11	4
Tenth thereof	0	19	1¾

Each living pays its quota as by this survey at the present day.

When an incumbent succeeds to a living it has to pay its value as entered in the King's Books (H. VIII.).

From Ashe this is £9 11*s.* 4*d.*

Besides there is an annual payment from every living.

"Tentha." The payment from Ashe is 19*s.* 7*d.*

In 1835 another survey was made by order of William IV. and called

Liber Ecclesiasticus.

This can easily be found in private libraries.

We now reach the most important part of a parish history—the men who have from time to time been "instituted" to the "Spiritualities" and inducted into the "Temporalities." We may be thankful that we go back for 579 years, and trace the list of Rectors almost without a break.

Ecclesiastical Records.

[1309.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Easter. 4 Edw. II. m. 31.

John Randolf by John de Bolyngdon his attorney appeared against Robert de Maners, of a plea that he should permit him to present a fit parson to the church of Asshe next Overton, which is vacant and belongs to his donation. The Sheriff was ordered to attach Def^{t} but returns that he has nothing whereby he can be attached. Ordered to distrain him by all his lands &c. and to have his body here on the morrow of Ascension.

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m. 159^{d}.

Same Case.

Judgment, notwithstanding Robert's "reclaim," that John shall have a writ to the Bishop to admit a fit parson at John's presentation. The Sheriff to inquire how much that church is worth yearly in all issues, and to return the Inquisition, which he did. The Inquisition stated that the church was vacant from the Purification of B. Mary 2 Edw. II. to the time of the Recovery, and it is worth yearly £20. Therefore John shall have his damages, viz. £40, two years' value, "eo quod tempus semestre elabitur &c. pro dampnis &c." And Robert in mercy. £10 out of the damages to go "to the Clerks."

Michaelmas. 5 Edw. II. m. 124.

The Sheriff was ordered to levy the said moneys of the lands and chattels of Robert, but returns that Robert has nothing in his bailiwick wherefrom moneys can be levied. It is testified that he has sufficient lands and tenements. Precept to the Sheriff to levy.

[1311.] *De Banco Roll, Southampton.*

Hilary. 4 Edw. II. m. 287[d].

John Randolf by John de Bollyngdon his attorney appeared against Robert de Maners, of a plea that he should permit him to present a fit parson to the Church of Asshe next Overton, which is vacant and belongs to his donation. Def[t] did not appear. To be summoned to appear in Easter term next.

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A List of the Rectors of Ashe to the commencement of the 17th century, extracted from the Episcopal Registers, and particulars from other sources.

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	Sir Henry [Beaufiz] is the earliest rector of Ashe mentioned in the Episcopal Registers. He was in possession of the church in 1309, and by non-residence and neglect was presumed to have lost his right to the incumbency, whereupon
Brother Henry Wodelok, Fol. 119, 6.	Walter de Berton, son of Nicholas de Berton, was presented to the Rectory by Sir John Randolph, knight, its patron. Bishop Wo ɔk by a ı date dated 11th Fe r. :)-10, directed)] cite or (the said r

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or through his procurator, or by publicly reading the edict in the church of Assche, so that it might come to his notice,—to appear before the Bishop or his commissary or commissaries, in Winchester Cathedral, on the sixth judicial day after the feast of Saint Mathias, the Apostle. On the 13th February, the Bishop appointed Master Stephen de Dean the commissary of his official; and the Precentor of Hyde Abbey, to hear and determine the cause. The result of these proceedings is not recorded, but Sir Henry appears to have retained possession of his benefice. In 1310 the living was in sequestration on account of the rector having applied the goods of the church to unlawful uses, and allowed them to be consumed and dissipated, and did not keep residence, and the houses and edifices belonging to the church being in a ruinous state. The rector of Deane was ordered to collect the autumn fruits for that year.

Ibid. 140.

Ibid. Fol. 36. On the 23rd September 1316, Henry atte Wyle, was instituted to the Rectory of Asshe, vacant by the death of Sir Henry Beaufiz; on the presentation of Sir John Randolph, patron of the said church.

John de Stratford, Fol. 74. On the 28th July, 1332, John de Stratford, Bishop of Winchester, absolved Richard de Haveringe, layman, who was present at a conflict which had recently taken place near (*circa*) the church of Asshe, on which occasion it is said, the church was polluted by the

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shedding of blood, from the sentence of the greater excommunication which he had incurred on that account. Saving the penance to be enjoined upon him, which the Bishop specially reserves to himself.

Ibid. Fol. 79. On the 19th June, 1333, Richard de Chaddesle, chancellor and vicar general, granted permission to Brother Benedict, Bishop of Cardica, to purge in the prescribed form, with holy water (*aqua exorzizata*) the church of Asshe, not consecrated, polluted by the shedding of blood, so that divine service may not be suspended.

William de Edyndon, Vols. I. & II. On the 4th March, 1335–6–7, John Jardyn, Rector of the church of Asshe, near Overton, Winchester diocese, was ordained an acolyte, by John Sheppey, Bishop of Rochester. On the 15th November, 1357, he had licence of absence for two years for the purpose of study, and was ordained a sub-deacon on 23rd December, 1357.

William de Edyndon, I. fol. 94. On the 8th February, 1357–8, John Neville, clerk, was instituted to the church of Asshe, vacant by the resignation of John Jardyn, its late Rector: on the presentation of Sir John Stonore, knight, patron of the said church.

Ibid. On the 24th February, 1357–8, John Jardyn, sub-deacon, was instituted to the church of Asshe, vacant by the resignation of John Neville, its late Rector: on the presentation of Sir John Stonore, knight.

Ibid. I. fol. 115 b. On the 11th June, 1362, Thomas de Ditton, priest, was instituted to the church

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of Asshe, near Overton; on the presentation of the King, its patron this turn by reason of the wardship of the lands and heir of Sir John Stonore, knight, deceased being in the hands of the king.

William de Wykeham, I. fol. 73 b. — On the 10th April, 1376, John Peynel, priest, was instituted to the vacant parish church of Asshe, near Overton: on the presentation of the Lord Luke de Ponynges, Sir Robert Bealknap, knight, its patrons this turn (probably as trustees for William de Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester).

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(*The records of institutions from March*, 1415, *till October*, 1447, *are lost.*)

William Wayneflete, I. fol. 146. — On the 9th June, 1466, Sir William Bisshop, chaplain, was instituted to the parish church of Asshe, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Tyttbury, its late Rector: on the presentation of the noble William Fenys, alias Sayle, lord [of the manor] of Asshe, patron of the said church.

William Wayneflete, II. fol. 112. — On the 19th December, 1485, Sir John Harryys was instituted to the church of Asshe, vacant by the death of Sir William More, its late Rector: on the presentation of Richard Harecourt, knight, patron of the said church this turn.

Peter Courtney, Fol. 43. — On the 8th March, 1491–2, Sir William Lambe, priest, was instituted to the parish church of Asshe, vacant by the free resignation of Master John Harryes, its late Rector: on the presenta-

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tion of Humfrey Saymer, Esq., and Dame Ann, his wife.

[He was still Rector here in 1516, as I have, with his name as witnessing, a will dated 6th February, 1515–6.—F. J. B.]

John Whyte, Fol. 10 b. Master John Leffe occurs as Rector of Asche, in the deanery of Basingstoke, on 9th September, 1517. His institution is not recorded in the Episcopal Register.—F. J. B.

John Whyte, Fol. 10 b. On the 8th January, 1557–8, Richard Wylkyns was instituted to the parish church of Aysche, vacant by the death of Master John Leffe, its late incumbent: on the presentation of Richard Fenys, gentleman, its true patron.

Robert Horne, Fol. 80. On the 29th September, 1570, Edward Harrys, clerk, was instituted to the rectory of Ash, vacant by the death of (*sic*) Thomas Wilkyns, clerk, its late incumbent; on the presentation of Sir Fenys, knight, its true patron.

[The entry is wrong in calling him Thomas, as Richard Wilkins occurs as rector in September, 1567. Such inaccuracies are not unusual.—F. J. B.]

Thomas Bilson, Fol. 21 b, or Cooper. On the 10th April, 1592, the churches of Ash and Deane were united by letters patent of Queen Elizabeth, with the consent of Thomas Bilson, Bishop of Winchester, and of James Deane, citizen and draper of London, the patron of the Rectories of Ash and Deane, dated 14th February, 1591–2.

Ibid. Fol. 22 b. On the 21st April, 1592, Simon Hol clerk, was instituted to the.

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Deane and Ashe, vacant by the death of Edward Harrys, its late incumbent: on the presentation of James Deane, citizen and draper (*pannarius*) of London, its true patron.

Walter Eurle. On the 7th April, 1645, Andrew Holdip, son of Simon Holdip, was instituted to the Rectory of Ashe. But in the same year the living was sequestrated in consequence of Andrew Holdip's delinquency, and during the sequestration several men appear to have been instituted.

" On the 3rd December, 1645, John Osbourne.

" On the 13th November, 1646, Robert Rogers.

Brian Duppa. By an order of the 22nd of June, 1660, all sequestered clergymen were restored to their livings. A large number of petitions presented to the House of Lords in pursuance of two Orders of the House, one of the 22nd June for securing the tithes and other profits of sequestered livings in the hands of the churchwardens or overseers of the poor of the several parishes, until the titles of the sequestered clergy and of the present possessors be determined; the other of the 23rd June, giving the Clerk of the Parliaments power to insert in the foregoing General Order the names of those who should bring in petitions to have the benefit thereof.

They include a petition of Andrew Holdip, touching Deane and Ashe, Southampton, and among them Andrew Holdip, but in this year he sold the

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	advowson of Ashe to Mr. George Wither of Hall for £360.
Brian Duppa.	On the 17th November, 1660, William Burt was instituted to the rectory of Ashe.
„	On the 29th March, 1661, William Bernard. In 1677 the advowson passed from Mr. George Wither of Hall to his brother Mr. Charles Wither.
George Henley.	On the 12th May, 1666, John Richard was instituted to the rectory of Ashe.
„	On the 26th April, 1669, Gilbert Coles.
„	On the 11th January, 1676, William Emerston was instituted to the rectory of Ashe.
	On the 6th September, 1676, Thomas Brathwayte.
Peter Morse.	On the 30th November, 1686, John White was instituted to the rectory of Ashe.
	In 1697 the advowson of Ashe passed from Mr. Charles Wither to his son Charles Wither.
Sir J. Trelawney, Bart.	On the 15th January, 1713, Charles Gouldsmith was instituted to the rectory of Ashe.
„	On the 10th December, 1729, Dr. Richard Russell was instituted to the rectory of Ashe.
	His incumbency was long—of fifty-four years. His name was till lately traceable in the family of Russell-Apletree.
	During this period of time the advowson of Ashe had passed from Mr. Charles Wither with Hall to his daughter, Henrietta Maria, who married Mr. Edmund Brampston of Boreham, Essex, in 1748.

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	In 1755 Mr. Edmund Brampston and Henrietta Maria his wife, for a consideration, sold three presentations to the rectory of Ashe.
Hon. Brownlow North.	On the 3rd May, 1783, Isaac Peter George Lefroy, commonly known as George Lefroy, was instituted to the rectory of Ashe on the presentation of Benjamin Langlois, Esq., of Cork Street, in the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex.
„	On the 3rd March, 1806, John Henry George Lefroy, son of above, was instituted to the rectory of Ashe, on the presentation of Henry Maxwell and John William Head Brydges, Esqs., executors of the will of Isaac Peter George Lefroy.
Sir J. P. Tomline, Bart.	On the 4th November, 1823, Benjamin Lefroy, brother of above, was instituted to the rectory of Ashe on the presentation of Christopher Edward Lefroy and James Quilter, Esqs., executors of the will of John Henry George Lefroy.
„	At his death in 1829 the presentation to the rectory of Ashe reverted to Walter Bramston, Esq. of Oakley Hall, son of Edmund Brampston, Esq., and Henrietta Maria, his wife.
Charles Richard Sumner.	On the 11th January, 1830, Charles Murray was instituted to the rectory of Ashe on the presentation of Wither Bramston, Esq., of Oakley Hall. He appears to have been absent from the charge during the greater part of his incumbency. In 1834 the cure of souls was served by Rev. E. Woodcock and until 1839.

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Mr. Murray then returned for the three years, and from 1842 to 1845 the cure of souls was served by Rev. James Connell.

Charles Richard Sumner.

On the 7th June, 1845, Charles Richard Pettat was instituted to the rectory of Ashe on the presentation of William Beach, of Oakley Hall (succ. 1832).

This good and genial man was called to his rest suddenly while absent from Ashe at a wedding in Gloucestershire on the 8th January, 1873.

In 1867 the advowson of Ashe was purchased from William Wither Bramston Beach, Esq., of Oakley Hall (succ. 1856), by Mortimer George Thoyts, Esq., of Sulhamstead, Berks.

Samuel Wilberforce.

On the 21st March, 1873, Francis Walter Thoyts, M.A., Oriel Coll., Oxford, was instituted by the bishop in person, in the church of Ashe, to the rectory of Ashe on the presentation of Mortimer George Thoyts.

In 1873 the advowson of Ashe was conveyed in fee by Mortimer George Thoyts to Francis Walter Thoyts.

In closing this long line of rectors, embracing a period of 579 years, I can only express my thankfulness that I have been enabled to rescue so much from the obscurity of the past.

One fact relating to the rectory of Ashe, which must not be forgotten, is that it has been annexed to the rectory of Deane.

[1582.] *Originalia Roll.*

34 Elizabeth.

The Queen confirms the union and annexion of the churches of Dean and Ash in co. Southton.

And that after an union of twenty-seven years the two rectories were again divided.

Statutes of the Realm.

7 James I. 1609–10. No. 19.

Private Acts.

An Act for the disuniting of the Parsonages of Ashe and Deane within the county of Southampton, being presentative and with cure of souls.

From time to time also, these rectories, though separate, have been held by the same incumbent.

CHAPTER V.

The Church.

The earliest record of a church in Ashe is to be found in Domesday Book, 1086.

As it has been my privilege to rebuild the church, to the glory of God, and in memory of my father, I have thereby been enabled to trace out the various vicissitudes that the church has passed through.

Mr. George Gilbert Scott, the architect, considered that the church, as he found it, dated back to from 1320 to 1340. But as a Norman piscina, or stook, was found imbedded in the wall, it is probable that the Norman owners had done something to the church.

Seeing that Kingsclere Church was built in King Stephen's time, 1135–1154, it is likely that our scant Norman remains may belong to the same period.

It will be remembered that William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor of England, bought the Manor of Ashe from Sir Edmund de Stonor in 1366.

Placing the date of the church given by Mr. Scott side by side with Wykeham's purchase of the Manor of Ashe, I attribute the church as I found it to that greatest of ecclesiastical architects, William of Wykeham.

In the mortar there was found a silver penny, coined about 1280, a coincidence that seems to uphold the above view.

At the same time Mr. Scott considered that the walls of the nave of the church were older even than Wykeham's time. Little else but the materials could be saved for use in the new church. The old window jambs, or rather parts of them, are in position in the north side of the present nave.

In the fifteenth century an elegant rood screen divided the nave from the chancel; this has happily been preserved in part; for it was found terribly desecrated, and placed under a gallery at the west end of the church.

It has now been restored and placed in its anterior position.

In Queen Elizabeth's time, probably during the incumbency of Rev. Simon Holdip, the church was strengthened by the insertion of two rough and crooked tie beams.

From time to time the church has been repaired, as the churchwardens' book shows.

And in 1835 in the incumbency of Rev. Charles Murray, while Rev. James Connel was his curate, a gallery was placed at the west end.

No better piece of restoration to the original can be found than Mr. Scott's work here in Ashe.

There is one thing that must not be forgotten—

When the chamber for serving the hypocaust was being dug, a piece of bone-like substance was brought to me. I handed it to an antiquary, and he gave his opinion that it is part of the molar tooth of an adult elephant.

It is thousands of years ago since the hairy elephant had its home in England; so long, long ago it must have been when that elephant laid himself down to die where a church should some day be raised to the glory of Almighty God.

The church was re-built in 1877–78.

I cannot allow these few words to go forth to the world without some more detailed account of the church as it is.

The original church was a curious building, erected on a running level with the ground, which is down hill.

There was no division externally between the nave and the chancel, and the walls of nave and chancel were on the same plane. In the new church the walls have the same plane, but it is disguised with a buttress at the division of the two parts.

A slight dip has been made in the roofs at the same place.

As the church is entered, the first thing seen is the font, which was the gift of the Rev. Richard Pole, rector of

Wolverton, my wife's uncle, and one of my father's oldest friends. The font is covered by a baptistry, the oak timbers of which form the support of the tower, or rather low spire. On turning up the church, the eye is first caught by the screen, which cuts the window at the east end in two. But on going further up the church the window gradually shows itself; and the altar, with its ornaments, comes into full view. The altar is of oak; the carved front from plans by C. E. Kempe, Esq., 28, Nottingham Place, London. The altar rails are very massive and moveable, not stretching right across the chancel, so the view of the altar is unimpaired. In the choir seats, planned by G. Gilbert Scott, Esq., is a little piece of old wood, which was found in the screen (but not part of it), and from which the finials of the seats were worked.

In the south-east corner of the chancel is the piscina, which, I am disposed to think, is William of Wykeham's own work. It was knocked to pieces as far as cusps and shelf were concerned. Now it is restored, and I love to think that, if ever William of Wykeham celebrated the Holy Communion in the church, supposed to be of his building, he used that piscina.

On the altar are two brass candlesticks, the gift of the late W. H. C. Plowden, Esq., of Ewhurst Park, formerly of the old East India Company's service, and two wooden ones made out of the old wood of the church. The vases were selected by C. E. Kempe, Esq., of old Delft china. In the centre is a brass cross, the gift of R. I. Tidswell, Esq., of Frampton Court in Gloucestershire.

Underneath the altar is an old altar stone of marble. This is only 4ft. 8in. in length, and 2ft. 2in. in breadth, and is evidently not the mensa of the old high altar; from this Mr. Scott conjectured, that in Norman times the church had a chancel-arch, and this altar-stone belonged originally to one of the side altars in the recesses of the chancel-arch. The chancel-arch was probably taken away by the fourteenth century builders to make room for the rood screen.

The needlework in the chancel was done by Mrs. F. Thoyts, by Mrs. Boughton Leigh of Brownsover, near Rugby, by

Mrs. Newman Thoyts of Cheltenham, and Miss Emily Sandell, who was residing at Ashe Park when the church was rebuilt.

The organ was the gift of Mrs. F. Thoyts, and a number of kind friends.

The vestry is an entire addition to the church, as there was no vestry in old times, only a small space close to the original west door.

The memorial tablets can hardly be said to have been removed, as they are in their places on the wall as at present built further north.

All the woodwork in the church is of oak, except the case of the organ.

The lectern was the gift of Rev. Ernest Thoyts of Tain, Rosshire, N. B.

The church books were given with their case, by Major Thoyts of Sulhamstead, Berks.

The altar linen was given by the Rev. E. Kenworthy Browne of North Stoneham, Hants.

The pulpit desk was the gift of the Parish of Ashe.

The glass was entirely done by C. E. Kempe, Esq. The centre light of the east window was given by Colonel Thoyts of Cheltenham, in memory of his father.

The little window behind the organ was given by Mrs. Robert Portal in memory of her brother and sister who are buried in the churchyard close by.

In the corner, at the south end of the screen, is a little door. Inside is a robin carved in wood.

The story of it is this: while the chancel was being built a robin built her nest in a putlock hole. The workmen fed her in the window close by. She hatched one young one, and was seen sitting on the ladder while her hole was being filled up. She built her nest of wood shaving, and has now been handed down to posterity in a more substantial form.

The door has been altered to the south from the west, and a porch has been added. There is also a vestry door. But there is one man who will never be forgotten—the Rev. Gerald Joyce of Stratfieldsaye, for by his knowledge, skill, and kindness the church is as it is, and the work would never

have been carried out so well if he had not spent his labour on its details.

The memorial stone of the church bears an inscription which is his work.

The church was consecrated on June 20, 1878, and he would have preached at the evening service, but his health would not permit, and a fortnight after he was taken to his rest.

Mr. George Beckingham, of Upper Ashe, and Colonel Portal of Ashe were, the first, the rector's, and the other the parish churchwarden when the church was consecrated.

The consecration was performed by Edward Harold, Lord Bishop of Winchester, prelate of the Order of the Garter.

In 1887 the chancel was painted by Mr. C. E. Gray of Cambridge, and also in the same year the space behind the font, and the side walls of the west end.

The chancel is treated generally in diaper work with a rich red dado below. At the spring of the arch of the window on either side are the angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary, with rays of gold descending on them from the point of the window above. Underneath the figures is the "Salutation," "Ave gratiâ plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus." Above the diaper work at the sides of the chancel are the texts, "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth," and "Hosanna, benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Hosanna in altissimis."

The splays of the windows are treated with Tudor roses as well as the spandrils of the organ chamber-arch. The small window by the reading-desk is treated with the vine and the sacred monogram.

The painting behind the font is particularly effective. In the centre is the Cross of St. John Lateran, the Baptismal Cross, in blue with a gold edge. Rising from the Cross is the Tree of Life bearing twelve manner of fruits. These are all named with the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit.

From the foot of the Cross flows a fountain of water, which divides into four streams, typical of the four gospels.

In the centre of the Tree of Life is the Dove with a gold nimbus, and from the Dove descend seven rays of gold pass

ing through the Cross on to the dado. Between the streams of water stand two harts, bearing on their antlers the text, "And on either side of the river was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

Below the painting and on either side is a rich red dado, and on the part behind the font are painted in gold the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost.

The hart in early Christian art was always held to be typical of the Christian soul, which desires the waters of baptism, carrying on doubtless King David's words: "Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God."

Memorials in the Church of Ashe.

Stones in the Floor.

To

Mr. Robert Reynolds, who purchased and acquired the Manor of Ashe by God's blessing on his industry, died 1721.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, daughter of the above, who left the Manor of Ashe to Mr. Joseph Portal, died 1763.

Tablets in the Wall.

To

Charles William Russell, died 1771.

Frances Russell, died 1772.

Dr. Richard Russell, Vicar of Overton, and Rector of Ashe. He resigned the vicarage of Overton in 1771. Father of the above, died 1783.

Mary Russell, wife of Dr. Russell and formerly wife of Simon Boulte, who assisted in copying the Registers, died 1785.

William Thomas, son of Rev. George Lefroy, died 1791.

Anthony Brydes, son of same, died 1800.

Anne, wife of Rev. George Lefroy, daughter of Edward Brydges, Esq., of Wootton, Kent; she was killed by a fall

from her horse, and, after lingering not twenty-four hours, died 1804. Usually known as Madam Lefroy.

The Rev. Isaac Peter George Lefroy, commonly known as George Lefroy. He was paralysed for three days and died 1806.

The Rev. John Henry George Lefroy, died 1823.

The Rev. Benjamin Lefroy, died 1829.

Christopher Edward Lefroy, died 1856. He was not buried at Ashe. In his will he left £50 to the poor of Ashe.

Jane Anna Elizabeth Lefroy, widow of Benjamin Lefroy, died 1872.

The Rev. Charles Richard Pettat, not buried at Ashe, but at Winchcomb in Gloucestershire, died 1873.

The Churchyard of Ashe.

For more than 600 years a little space of 1 rood 20 poles had served the parish of Ashe for its purposes of burial. I well remember, when staying in this house in 1872, seeing bones dug up when a new grave was being prepared. By the kindness of Colonel Robert Portal a large space of ground was added to the churchyard in 1878.

When the heating chamber was being dug a considerable quantity of human bones was found. Evidently the bodies had been heaped in after some pestilence or battle.

The fencing of the churchyard was originally in the hands of the different farms in the parish. A substantial wall with a lych gate was built in 1877–78.

The Memorials to the Dead in Stone.

Emma Cheverton.	1778.
William Cheverton.	1786.
Catharine Thorne.	1787.
William Corbet.	1796.
Elizabeth Field.	1816.
William Corbet.	1826.
William Field.	1828.

Lucy Beckingham.	1842.	
Mary Corbett.	1847.	
Mary Summers.	1849.	
Catharine Marian Blatch.	1850.	
Anna Jemima Lefroy.	1855.	
Anna Maria Beckingham.	1858.	
John Brown Beckingham.	1858.	
Maria Beckingham.	1863.	
Elizabeth Cooke.	1869.	
Amelia Mary Margaret Morris.	1869.	
Edward Cross.	1870.	
Elizabeth Collett.	1870.	
Jane Anna Elizabeth Lefroy.	1872.	
Arthur Joseph Taylor.	1873.	
Grace Portal.	1878.	
Fanny Beckingham.	1878.	
Adelaide Field.	1878.	A stone in the path.
Edith Emily Cox.	1882.	
Elizabeth Mitchell.	1885.	
Aaron Shephard.	1886.	
James Beckingham.	1887.	
Thomas Edward Preston Lefroy.	1888.	

Memorial Crosses in Iron.

Charlotte Blunden.	1850.
Frances Taylor.	1850.
John Taylor.	1853.
Richard Blunden.	1854.
Martha Wake.	1866.
Charles Mitchell.	1867.
Elizabeth Cowdray.	1871.
James Blunden.	1871.
James Taphouse.	1872.
Job Munday.	1873.
Elizabeth Munday.	1873.

Stephen Pike.	1874.
Keziah Field.	1874.
George Wort.	1876.
Amelia Matilda Field.	1877.
John Hollwill.	1877.
Daniel Appleford.	1877.
Rhoda Hollwill.	1877.
Elizabeth Appleford.	1879.
Rosa Emily Blackburn.	1880.
Caroline Clarke.	1880.
Charity Frances Mathews.	1880.
Thomas Lawes.	1882.
William Smith.	1882.
James Wakely.	1883.
Mary Jane Blackburn.	1883.

CHAPTER VI.

The Church Plate.

This consists of a chalice, a paten, a flagon and a salver. The chalice and paten are more than 200 years old.

This is known from the marks which betoken that date, 1669. In this year Mr. Charles Wither was patron, and Gilbert Coles was instituted to the rectory.

Surely the presentation of the plate betokens a second mark of friendship of the patron to his friend the new incumbent, and also a desire that in the church of Ashe proper and decent vessels should be in use.

The plate is in very good condition.

The flagon, which is plated, was bought in 1873.

The salver, also plated, affords no account of when it was added to the church plate.

CHAPTER VII.

The Churchwardens.

It seems a pity that this most important office should not have its holders left to us from the earliest days; but the information is scant, and there is scarce any possibility of recognising the parish churchwarden from the rector's churchwarden.

1737–38.	Bryan Marriner (Ashe Farm) Thomas Tilbury (Litchfield).
1739–45.	Bryan Marriner and William Cheverton (Litchfield).
1746.	Bryan Marriner and John Primmer (residence unknown).
1747.	Bryan Marriner and William Cheverton.
1748–51.	William Cheverton.
1752–56.	William Cheverton and John Primmer.
1756–62.	Thomas Gale (Ashe Farm) and William Cheverton.
1762–78.	Thomas Gale.
1779.	John Lewis (Litchfield) and Abraham Knight (Ashe Farm).
1780–96.	Abraham Knight.
1796–1809.	William Knight (Ashe Farm).
1809–36.	John Atkins (Ashe Farm).
1836.	John Atkins and Frederick Atkins.
1837–39.	George Allen (Ashe Park Farm).
1839.	George Allen and Benjamin Beckingham (Ashe Farm).
1840–42.	Rev. E. St. John (Ashe Park) and Benjamin Beckingham.
1842–46.	James Beckingham (Ashe Warren) and Benjamin Beckingham.

1846–54.	James Beckingham.
1854–71.	Henry Codd (Ash Warren).
1871–77.	George Beckingham (Upper Ash Farm).
1877–87.	George Beckingham and Colonel Robert Portal (Ashe Park).
1888–89.	George Beckingham and Colonel Portal.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Parish Clerks.

The list of these must be very short and indefinite, as I have so little to go upon.

William Shackleford, of Overton, Clerk of Ashe Parish; a taylor, of Overton, buried there 1742.

William Noyce, of Overton, Clerk of Ashe Parish, but no date.

John Carter, of Overton, Clerk of Ashe Parish.

These were clerks in Dr. Russell's time. Also, in Dr. Russell's time, Robert Wilmot, who came into the parish Mich. 1727; made clerk of parish Easter, 1752; died July 31st, 1788, aged 87 years and 16 weeks.

William Wild was appointed Clerk by Rev. G. Lefroy, Rector, and entered into office August 24th, 1788. He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Wild; born May 22nd, 1749. He was killed on Monday, January 26th, 1850, at Worting, on his return home with a load of ashes, by falling under the wheel, it is supposed in endeavouring to stop the horses.

John Goodall, being lame, but almost the only one who could read, was appointed Clerk on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 1801.

John Deadman was appointed Clerk by the Rev. J. H. George Lefroy, in the room of John Goodall, dismissed the office. He entered into office about Whit-Sunday, 1806.

Richard Whitewick, died 1834.

James Taphouse, died 1872.

John Purdue, of Overton, was appointed Clerk by the Rev. C. R. Pettat in 1870, and sexton. He resigned on June 6th, 1884. Soon afterwards John Purdue came to a sad end, as, from some cause or another, he was found drowned in a tributary of the Thames, near Chertsey.

Immediately after John Purdue's resignation, Colonel Portal was appointed Clerk by the Rev. F. W. Thoyts.

And William Moore, of Deane, was appointed deputy Clerk by Colonel Portal, the Rev. F. W. Thoyts, rector, and Mr. George Beckingham, rector's churchwarden, concurring in the appointment.

CHAPTER IX.

Confirmations in Ashe.

I should not specifically mention this matter if it were not that I have a curious record, which runs thus:—

"John Thomas, formerly of All Souls College, Oxford, translated from Salisbury to Winchester 1761. Succeeded by Honble. Brownlow North, formerly of All Souls; Bishop of Worcester 1781 or 1782."

He confirmed the first time of his translation on September 1st, 1783, when between 3,000 and 4,000 were supposed to be confirmed in Basingstoke Church, eighteen years having elapsed since the last confirmation by Thomas.

He again visited this part of his diocese on July 7th, 1788. Sermon by Dr. Duncan, and confirmed the 8th of July, at Basingstoke, about 1200.

At the former confirmation 34 were confirmed from the Parish of Ashe, at the latter 24.

Confirmation for Ashe again, September, 1797.

Again, September, 1802.

Again at Whitchurch, September, 1808.

No record after this till 1827, when 19 from this parish were confirmed on June 22nd, 1827, at Whitchurch.

No record after this until 1873, in Basingstoke Church, when 3 were confirmed from Ashe.

Again, in 1874, in Basingstoke Church, 4 from Ashe.

„ 1876, in Overton Church, 7 from Ashe.

„ 1877, at St. Mary's, Southampton, 5 from Ashe.

„ 1878, in Basingstoke Church, 3 from Ashe.

„ 1879, in Ashe Church, 24 from Ashe, 2 from Steventon, and 6 from Deane.

Again, in 1880, in Wootton St. Lawrence Church, 2 from Ashe.

„ 1881, in Oakley Church, 4 from Ashe.

„ 1882, at Winchester Cathedral, 10 from Ashe.

„ 1884, at Overton Church, 14 from Ashe.

„ 1885, at Oakley Church, 4 from Ashe.

„ 1886, at Overton Church, 4 from Ashe.

„ 1887, at Overton Church, 1 from Ashe.

„ 1888, at Ashe Church, 11 from Ashe, 9 from Deane, 17 from Steventon, 21 from Church Oakley, and 12 from Dummor.

CHAPTER X.

The Terrier.

The "Terrier," or list of land belonging to the Parsonage of Ash, as it was commanded by ye Ordinary and sent to the Registry of Winton.

Taken ye 23d of September, anno 1630.

This was taken when Simon Holdip held the living, and it stands in the Old Register written by the hand of Clayton Boulte.

At that time the livings of Ash and Dean were annexed, and the terrier of Dean is with that of Ash.

The Ordinary means the Bishop of the Diocese, so called here and in the Rubrics of the Prayer-book, because he it is that has the "ordinary" ecclesiastical jurisdiction within his Diocese, and the Collation to Benefices therein.

The Terrier.

Belonging to the Church of Ash.

Imprimis. One little Mead lying by ye Parsonage House, by estimation half an acre.

"This was made into a Garden and Orchard by Dr. Richard Russell in 1730."

Item, one close called Burly Close by estimation ten acres, which was received in exchange for Land which ye Lord Say, Lord of the Manor, obtained from Mr. Harris, circ. 1570, then Parson of Ash, to enlarge his Park & for other glebe land lying in ye arable field of ye Lord Say.

Item, one close called Greets, by estimation an acre and a half.

"This is now known as the Long Meadow."

Item, one close lying before the Parsonage House, con-

taining one acre and a half, which were received in exchange for 3 acres of glebe now lying in Ash Great Mead.

Item, 2 enclosures called Cunnydales, containing 17 acres.

Item, in Ash Great Mead, ye first crop of grass, containing about two acres & 12 lug, lying close by the River.

"This was exchanged by Isaac Peter George Lefroy, with Joseph Portal, Esq., for all that piece of lands containing three roods and six perches, adjoining to the Garden of the Rectory of Ashe, in 1784."

The exchanges of Ash Land (except the last) within mentioned are known to us whose names are here subscribed.

Ye mark of Robert Small, Testis; the mark × Richard Woodroffe, Testis.

Subscribed and acknowledged ye 23^{d} of September coram me, Thomas Smarte,

Scripte & Testame,

Simone Holdip.

A further exchange was carried out between Rev. F. W. Thoyts and Colonel Portal in 1887, viz. for the part, 1 acre 2 roods, which had been cut off from the glebe by the railroad, for an equivalent in Great Hide Hill behind the School.

CHAPTER XI.

The Glebe House.

From an old Record of James I.'s time it appears that Mr. Simon Holdip took boards away from Ashe Farm, perhaps for repairs.

From the formation of the roofs it was then very much smaller, and built in the form of a right angle.

This now forms the centre part of the rectory.

The garden was made in Dr. Russell's time.

When Rev. George Lefroy became rector he mortgaged the living and spent the borrowed money on the rectory house, adding a considerable piece to the front and south side.

Warner, in his History of Hampshire, remarks on the goodness of the rectory house.

There is a ground plan extant as it left the hands of Rev. George Lefroy.

It remained in the same state till 1829, when Mr. Wither Bramston added on the slated part for Miss Groves, a sister of the then rector Mr. Murray's wife. This entailed a reorganisation of the offices.

The stables were built by Rev. Charles Pettat in 1858, from the proceeds, I believe, of prizes gained by Mrs. Pettat for her spangled Hamburgh fowls.

The farm buildings were altered by Rev. F. W. Thoyts, and a dairy, larder, and boothouse annexed to the back part of the house in 1876.

The cottages, standing in the ground, got by exchange of Rev. George Lefroy, were built in 1876.

A porch was added to the rectory in 1887.

Looking down on successive rectors and their dealings with the rectory premises stands an old granary, but when that was put there no history remains to tell.

CHAPTER XII.

The School.

In 1784 an exchange of land took place between the Rev. George Lefroy and Mr. Joseph Portal, and then, according to the deed, Rev. George Lefroy exchanged "a cottage built and a garden made" for his use by the said testator for the site on which the cottage now stands next the rectory premises with its garden.

This cottage was built by the Rev. George Lefroy, and continued in his family until 1837.

During that time it appears to have been inhabited by the gardeners.

In 1837 the cottage and garden were conveyed to William Hicks Beach of Oakley Hall.

From him it passed to his son, William Wither Bramston Beach. And from him conveyed to Mortimer George Thoyts, Esq., of Sulhamstead, Berks, in 1873.

This cottage was the original school-house of Ashe.

It appears to have been used as such during the incumbency of Rev. Benjamin Lefroy and Rev. Charles Murray, by whom Jane Wilmot (died 1835), and Martha Wake were appointed mistresses.

The latter died in 1858, and was succeeded by a Mrs. Collett, who died in 1870.

Jane Kemp, of Oakley, took charge of the school for a time, between Martha Wake and Mrs. Collett. Her successor was a Miss Ivimey, who left the parish after the death of Mr. Pettat in 1873.

It will be remembered that in 1870 the Education Act of Mr. Forster was passed, which obliged proper school accommodation to be provided in accordance with the exigencies of each parish or district.

It was proposed to link together the parishes of Ashe, Deane and Steventon, but when difficulties arose with regard to the site for the school, the Education Department permitted Ashe to remain a separate parish, with its own school and teacher.

In 1872 a school was commenced building on the opposite side of the road to the old school cottage.

The expense, £135, was defrayed by private subscription, and a grant of £15 from the (as it was then called) Hampshire Diocesan Church Association.

On the avoidance of the living of Ashe in 1873 the shell of the building was completed, but for its proper purpose it was in a very incomplete state, and a call was required on private individuals once more to finish it.

School affairs in Ashe remained nil until November, 1873, when Mr. A. E. Eves was elected master, with the old school cottage as his residence.

He remained at his post until Christmas, 1875, and was succeeded for a short time by a Mr. Johnson.

This arrangement of a master proving unsatisfactory, the managers, Rev. F. W. Thoyts, rector, Col. Portal, and Mrs. Robert Portal, determined to elect a mistress.

The first mistress was a Mrs. Rhoda Hollwill, who, with her family, came from Marazion, in Cornwall.

She remained in charge of the school until her death, which occurred most suddenly on July 3rd, 1877.

The school had been inspected by H. M. inspector, Rev. W. Warburton, on the 25th of June previous.

On his report the Department was unable to certify the school as efficient under sect. 48 of the Act of 1870.

Until now the managers had been working with an uncertificated mistress, and they were forced to elect a mistress who had gained a certificate in a training college.

So, after an interval of six months when a Mrs. Pearce was in charge, Miss Susan Short, of the Salisbury Training College, was elected mistress in December, 1877.

It was then found to be extremely inconvenient that there was no house attached to the school as a teacher's residence.

At the close of 1878 and the early part of 1879 a school

house was built by the Rev. F. W. Thoyts and Col. Portal, joining on to the existing school, at a cost of £297 10*s.* 6*d.*

Miss Short till this time had been lodging at one of the rectory cottages.

Miss Short remained in charge of the school until after the inspection in June, 1880, when she left to be married to Mr. George Beckingham of Lower Ashe Farm.

She was succeeded by Miss Emily Julia Titt, also of the Salisbury Training College, who remained in charge until the summer of 1883.

After an interval, which nearly caused the managers to lose the annual grant from the Education Department, Miss Theresa Bales was elected mistress in November, 1883.

She remained as mistress until Christmas, 1887.

Even under the improved circumstances of the school in having a teacher's residence, difficulties presented themselves, chiefly that of some one to reside with the young mistress. This want was supplied by Mrs. Pierce, and for several years by Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, formerly nurse to Rev. F. W. Thoyts, and housekeeper to Mortimer George Thoyts, Esq., of Sulhamstead, Berks. She died in May, 1885.

Since that time the place has been supplied by Mrs. Langridge and Miss Hains.

The managers next elected a widow, a Mrs. Sharpe, from Fewcott School, near Bicester, Oxon, to take charge of the school, at Christmas, 1887.

She remained only three months, being succeeded by Mrs. Blanche Way.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Registers.

The old Register Book, at present extant, is composed of parchment.

As a Parish Register it is extremely imperfect; at one time it contains too much, at another too little.

By containing too much, I mean that the living having in early days joined with Dean, and later on held with Overton, there is great difficulty in separating the matters enumerated with regard to each parish.

By containing too little, I mean that the Registers were at different times irregularly and imperfectly kept.

Dr. Richard Russell, 1729—83, did his best to remedy the defects by collecting the registers into their present shape in the present book.

He, with one Clayton Boulte, appears to have collected the early Register from an old one made of parchment which only reached to 1682.

From this date the Registers were kept in a Register made of paper, beginning with 1695 and ending with 1720, from which year we are told that "Mr. Gouldsmith, the then Rector, registered none to the day of his death, which was Oct. 11th, 1729."

In this copy of the Registers I omit the word "labourer," specifying in other cases the special class.

Also the words "spinster and bachelor," treating special cases with special names.

How modern customs have done away with the traces of the past will be seen by those who study the Registers here following:—

The Parish Register.

1606.

Marriage.

Simon Holdip, Parson of Ash and Dean, and Patience Dowse were married the 16th of February, Anno Domini 1606.

1607.

Christening.

Elizabeth Dowse, the daughter of John Dowse, was born 12th of January, Anno Dom. 1607, and christened at Ash next Sabbath Day.

1609.

Christening.

Andrew Holdip, the son of Simon Holdip, Parson of Ash, was born on Thursday ye 27th of October, Anno Dom. 1609, and christened ye day following.

1610.

Christening.

Frances, the daughter of Simon Holdip, was born on Saturday the 12th of October, Anno Dom. 1610, and was christened the Thursday following.

1612.

Christening.

Henry, the son of the said Simon Holdip, was born on Sunday, being the 16th of August, Anno 1612, and was christened on St. Bartholomew's Day, being the 24th of the same month.

1615.

Christening.

Elizabeth, the daughter of the said Simon Holdip, was born the 7th of May, being Sunday, 1615, and was christened the Thursday following.

1617.

Christenings.

Thomas Willis, the son of Thomas Willis and Barbara his wife, was born at Wield in this county of Southampton, on

the 16th day of February, Anno Dom. 1617, and there christened.

Richard, the son of the said Richard Holdip and the said Eleanor his wife, was born at Hartley Row, and there christened (*vide supra*).

Joan, daughter of the said Richard and Eleanor his wife, was christened in Ash Church the 17th of March, 1617.

Patience Holdip, the daughter of the said Simon Holdip, was born on Saturday the 14th of May, 1617, and was christened the Sunday sennight following.

1618.

Christening.

Margaret, the daughter of the said Simon Holdip, was born the 2nd day of February, being Candlemas Day, and was christened the Monday following, 1618.

Burials.

Joan, daughter of Richard and Eleanor Holdip, was buried in Ashe Churche the 9th of January, 1618.

Richard Holdip, farmer of Ash, being killed with a gun by a Faukner, was buried in Ash Church the 27th of June, Anno Dom. 1618.

Marriage.

Eleanor Holdip, wife of the said Richard Holdip, was married to Ralph Jackson of Cranborne, Gent., ye 30th of September, Anno Domini, 1618.

1620.

Christenings.

Henry, the son of Henry Hall.

Mary, the daughter of Robert Hamm.

Elizabeth, the daughter of John Whale.

Burials.

Arthur Snarbe.

Robert Brothers, the son of John Brothers, deceased, and Agnes his wife.
Agnes Roberts, the daughter of Thomas Roberts the elder.

1621.

Christenings.

Margaret, the daughter of Francis Somerfield and Margaret his wife.
Ann, the daughter of Simon Holdip and Patience his wife.
Edward, the son of John Covey and Agnes his wife.
Robert, the son of John Hall and Barbara his wife.
George, ye son of Richard Hall and his wife.
John Hamm, son of Robert Hamm and Margaret his wife.
Patience, the daughter of John Whale and Elizabeth his wife.

Burials.

Peter Ewens.
John Haywood.

1622.

Christenings.

Richard Passion, the son of Francis Passion and his wife.
Catherine Bignel, the daughter of John Bignel and his wife.
Barbara Holdip was born the 7th of October.

Burial.

The widow Ewens.

Marriages.

Richard Studman and Agnes Brothers, widow.
John Smart, widower, and Mary Haywood, widow.
John Winkworth and Mary Wodach.
Thomas Broad and Ellen Martin.
John Longland and Agnes Smale.

1623.

Christenings.

Elizabeth Longland, the daughter of John Longland the younger.

Barbara Hall, the daughter of Richard Hall.
Alice Winkworth, ye daughter of John Winkworth.
John Bignel, the son of Richard Bignel and Dorothy his wife.
John Hall, the son of Henry Hall.
John Hall, the son of George Hall.
Alice Somerfield, the daughter of Francis Somerfield.

Burials.

Robert Small, son of the widow Small.
John Smale, the son of William Smale, was buried at Mapplederwel.
Joan Pembrooke, the wife of Thomas Pembrooke the elder.
Elizabeth Fouch, widow.
The widow Roberts.
The widow Bennet.

Marriage.

Edward Stockdell and Margery Biggs.

1624.

Christenings.

Elizabeth Hamm, the daughter of Robert Hamm.
Patience Brothers, the daughter of Thomas Brothers.

Burials.

Katherine Dowse, the wife of John Dowse.
Robert Winkworth.
John Smart the elder.
Robert Hamm.

Marriages.

John Curtis and Agnes Smale, widow.
Thomas Pembrooke the elder, widower, and Agnes Benham.

1625.

Christenings.

Christopher, the son of Henry Hall.

Anthony, the son of Anthony Mason.
Thomas Bignell, ye son of John Bignell.
Alice Newland, the daughter of Christopher Newland.
William Roberts, the son of William Roberts.
Agnes, the daughter of Francis Passion.
Ann, the daughter of Thomas Pembrooke the elder and Agnes his wife.

Burials.

Alice, ye said daughter of Christopher Newland.
Mary, the wife of Zacchæus Passion.
Thomas Studman.

Marriage.

Christopher Newland and Margaret Hamm, widow.

1626.

Christenings.

Margaret and Frances, the daughters of Christopher Newland.
John, the son of John Longland.
Thomas, the son of Thomas Hobson.

Burials.

Ann, the wife of Thomas Patience.
Thomas Patience.

Marriages.

William Huse and Emline Roberts.
Robert Gallant and Alice Macleane.

1627.

Christenings.

John, the son of Richard Hacke.
Jane, the daughter of George Hall.
Dean, the son of Mr. John Harwood.
Thomas, the son of William Roberts.

Burials.

Mary, the daughter of Henry Hall.
The said Dean was buried ye next day.
Clemence, the wife of John Longland.
John Bignell, the elder.
Agnes, the wife of John Ewens.

1628.

Christenings.

Patience, the daughter of John Harwood.
Stephen, the son of Francis Passion.
Richard, the son of —— Merch.

Burials.

Margery, the wife of John Croft.
Mr. James Dean was buried in the parish church of Dean.
Thomas Pembrooke ye elder.

Marriages.

John Ewens and Margery Goodall.
John Mason and Joan Smith, at Dean.

1629.

Christenings.

Andrew, the son of John Hall and Barbara his wife.
Susan, daughter of John Harwood, was born on Friday evening, the 28th of August, and christened the Thursday next after, being the 3rd of September.

Burials.

John Knight.
Elizabeth, the wife of William Small.

Marriages.

Mathew Sheling and Clemence Reading.
Stephen Lovel and Alice Covey.

1630.

Christenings.

Catherine, the daughter of Simon Holdip.
John, the son of John Pagner.
Andrew, the son of William Roberts and Elizabeth his wife.
Patience, the daughter of Richard Hack.

Burials.

Ann Knight was buried at Dean.
Agnes, the wife of Bartholomew Roberts.
The wife of Richard Woodruffe.

Marriages.

William Hoyle and Ann Green.
Philip Blake and Joan Howbrooke.
John Morrel and Ann Wincworth.
James Garret and Alice Garrett.

1631.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, the daughter of Francis Passion.
Philip, the son of Philip Blake.
John, the son of John Harwood.
James, the son of James Garret and Alice.

Burials.

John, the son of Thomas Brothers.
William Butler, senr.
Christopher Newland, of Dean.

1632.

Christenings.

Mary, the daughter of George Hall.
Richard, the son of Thomas Smith and Joan his wife.
Thomas, ye son of Thomas Tapley of Kingsdown, was christened in Dean Church.

Burial.

John, the son of John Bignell, being killed with a horse, was buried in Dean Church.

1633.

Christenings.

Susan, the daughter of William Roberts.
Henry, the son of Richard Hack.
Patience, the daughter of Philip Blake.
Elizabeth, the daughter of Francis Aileff.
Andrew Tanner.
James, the son of John Harwood.

Burials.

Edward Dean.
Agnes Smale, the wife of Robert Smale.
Ann Pembrooke, widow.
Ann, the daughter of Ann Pembrooke, widow, deceased.
Richard Smale.
John Craft ye elder.

1634.

Christenings.

Alice, the daughter of Francis Passion and Jane his wife.
Thomas, the son of Thomas Smith and Joane his wife.
Elizabeth, the daughter of William Roberts.
Margery, the daughter of John Mason and Joan his wife.
Agnes, the daughter of Thomas Smale and Joan his wife.

Marriages.

Thomas Smale and Joan Tanner.
Thomas Cooper and Jane Smale.

1635.

Christenings.

Richard, the son of Charles Covey and Agnes his wife.
Ralph, the son of Philip Blake and Joan his wife.

William, the son of Richard Twine and his wife.
George, the son of George Smale and his wife.
Henry, the son of Henry Croft and Mary his wife.
William, the son of James Garrett and Jane his wife.
Nicholas, the son of John Harwood and Susan his wife.

Burials.

Richard Hack.
Humphrey Hack.

1636.

Christening.

Richard, the son of Richard Taply and —— his wife.

Marriages.

Richard Butler and Agnes Hither.
James Waite and Marie Hall.

1637.

Christenings.

Ellen Smith, ye daughter of Thomas Smith and Joan his wife.
Thomas, the son of Thomas Smale and Joan his wife.
Elizabeth, the daughter of Charles Covey and Agnes his wife.
Joan, the daughter of George Smale.

Marriages.

William Taply and Patience Pembrooke.
John Kent and Elizabeth Martin.

1638.

Christenings.

William, the son of Philip Blake and Jane his wife.
Ann, the daughter of Thomas Taply and Ann his wife.
Robert and Thomas, the sons of Gilbert Hack and his wife.

Burials.

Joan Butler, widow.
Henry Alder.
Thomas Wodach.
William Butler.
William Roberts.

Marriage.

Robert Page and Patience Dowse.

1639.

Christenings.

Mary, the daughter of Matthew Ilsley and Elizabeth his wife.
Francis, the son of Francis Pineoke and Ann his wife.
Agnes, the daughter of Francis Aileff.

Burials.

Agnes Croft, widow.
Nicholas Hall.
Elizabeth Roberts, widow.

Marriages.

John Steele and Faith Beanes.
Edward Cooke and Elizabeth Holdip.
John Cheyney and Patience Holdip.

1640.

Christenings.

John, ye son of John Cook and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized the 14th of January, 1640, but he was born the 22nd of December before.
Mary, the daughter of Richard Smith and Catherine his wife.
Richard Blake.
Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Tapley.
John, ye son of John Mathew.

Burials.

Francis Passion.
Rose, the wife of Henry Mathew.
Henry Benham.
Richard Woodrofe.
Elizabeth Roberts.

Marriages.

John Covey and Ann Pinnock.
Edward Lunn and Ann Somerfield.

1641.

Burials.

Richard West.
Robert Smale.

Marriage.

William Craft and Margery Cannen.

1642.

Christening.

Mary, the daughter of Francis Somerfield.

Burial.

Mary, the wife of Thomas Smart.

1680.

Marriage.

William Penton and Elizabeth Roberts.

1681.

Christening.

Thomas, the son of William Penton and Elizabeth his wife.

1682.

Christening.

Edmund, the son of William and Elizabeth Penton.

1695.

Christening.

Amy, the daughter of William Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.

Marriage.

Stephen Crockford and Ann Hellier by the Vicar of Overton.

1697.

Burial.

John Savage of Ash was buried in the Church of Ash.

Marriage.

John Savage and Elizabeth Symmons were married in Ash church, after three times asking in ye said church. He went to Hatch Warren near Basingstoke.

1698.

Christenings.

Cornelius, the son of Cornelius Harding and Joan his wife.

William, the son of William Minchin and Elizabeth his wife, of Kingsdown in the parish of Ash.

Burial.

Cornelius, ye son of Cornelius Harding.

1699.

Christening.

Mary, the daughter of Cornelius Harding and Joan his wife.

Marriage.

Edward Savage, of Ash, and Mary Lock, of Preston, were married in the parish church of Ash, they having a license for the same.

1700.

Christening.

Richard, the son of William Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.

1701.

Christening.

Joan, the daughter of Cornelius Harding and Joan his wife.

1702.

Christenings.

Ann, the daughter of John Lambol and —— his wife, of Litchfield Farm in the parish of Ashe.
Ann, the daughter of William Minchin of Kingsdown.

1705.

Christening.

Olive, the daughter of William Minchin of Kingsdown.

1708.

Christening.

Jane, the daughter of John Lambol and —— his wife, of Litchfield.

1709.

Christening.

John, ye son of William Minchin.

1711.

Marriage.

Thomas Clarke, of Overton, farmer, and Mary Elwin, spinster, were married at Ash, by Mr. Clarke's account, but not registered. Therefore this is no part of the Register which was examined.

1714.

Christening.

Mary, the daughter of Richard Gyat of Dean and Mary his wife.

Burial.

John Blye, of Preston Candover.

Marriages.

John Cook, of Mitcheldever, and Elizabeth Gyat, of this parish.

Philip Silver, of Dean, and Alice Cooper, of Overton.

1715.

Christening.

Betty, the daughter of Bartho' Purchell.

1716.

Burial.

Mary Strickland.

1718.

Christening.

John, ye son of John Baker.

Marriages.

John Harmsworth and Joan Collier, both of this parish.

John Brown, of Hannington, and Amy Minchin, of this parish, by licence.

John Watridge and Susanna Bristow, both of Overton parish in this county, were married by a certificate.

1719.

Burials.

Robert Parker, of this parish.

Mary, the daughter of Richard Porter.

Marriages.

The Rev. Mr. Reginald Jones, Rector of Brixton, in the Isle of Wight, and Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds were married by a licence.

George Mashel, of Stephenton, and Ann Andrewes, of this parish.

1720.

Christening.

Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Smith.

1728.

Marriage.

Isaac, ye son of T. Tilbery, of Litchfield, and Elizabeth his wife.

1729.

Christening.

Stephen, the son of Thomas Knight, farmer, and Sarah his wife.

1730.

Christenings.

Roger, the son of John Knight and Mary his wife.
William, ye son of Thomas Tilbery and Elizabeth his wife.

Burial.

The widow of John Savage, formerly farmer at Ash, was buried in the church.

Marriage.

John Baverstock, brickmaker, and Elizabeth Jones, both of Overton.

1731.

Christenings.

Martha, ye daughter of Ann Jordan, a travelling woman.
Elizabeth, ye daughter of Stephen Crockford, junior, of Overton, tailor, and Temperance his wife.
Elizabeth, ye daughter of Francis Redstall, of Overton, and Susanna his wife.

Burials.

Ann Jordan, a travelling woman.
Excellent, the daughter of —— Stanley, a traveller.

Marriage.

James Knight, of this parish, labr., and Sarah Ayliff, of Overton.

1732.

Christenings.

John, ye son of Thomas Tilbery, of Litchfield, and Elizabeth his wife.

Joseph, ye son of Joseph Richardson, of Overton, ale-house keeper, and Sarah his wife.

Marriages.

John Dicker, of Ibworth, in the parish of Hanninton, and Jane Dicker, of Overton, per Licent.

John Blackburn, carpenter, and Elizabeth Woods, both of Overton.

John Wilkins, of Laverstoke, papermaker, and Ann Hall, of Overton.

William Monckes, of Whitchurch, and Mary May, of Overton, widow.

John James and Mary Humber, both of Overton.

Thomas Fielder, of North Waltham, carpenter, and Elizabeth Read, of Overton.

John Barnard and Elizabeth Rudd, both of Overton.

Robert Duffin and Ann Craft, both of Overton.

1733.

Christening.

John, the son of Thomas Knight, farmer, and Sarah his wife.

Burials.

Ann, the daughter of Richard Russell, Rector of this parish, and Elizabeth his wife. She was born at Overton and died at Ash, and was buried under the east window of the church in the churchyard.

Marriages.

Thomas Simms and Mary Hasted, widow, b
per Licent.

John Purvor, *alias* Philpot, of Whitchurch, and Martha Porter, of Overton.

William Ballard, of Litchfield, shepherd, and Joan Clarke, of Overton.

John Brown, shepherd, and Ellen Hidden, both of this parish.

George White and Rebecca Baverstock, both of Overton.

William Nash, weaver, and Ann Lovewell, both of Overton.

1734.

Christenings.

James, the son of Thomas Knight, farmer, and Sarah his wife.

Ann, the daughter of Anthony Kerchard, of Overton, tailor, and Joan his wife.

Richard, the son of John Cully, of Overton, shoemaker, and Ann his wife.

Sarah, the daughter of Joseph Richardson, of Overton, and Sarah his wife.

Burial.

Thomas, the son of Thomas Tilbery, farmer, and Elizabeth his wife.

Marriages.

John Stride, shoemaker, and Elizabeth Paise, both of Overton, per Licent.

Lawrence Parfit and Elizabeth West, both of Overton.

Ralph Dearlove and Elizabeth Purdue, both of Overton.

Richard Smith, of Overton, thatcher, and Elizabeth Kimber, of Overton.

John Budd, of Colmer, gent., and Martha Dicker, of Southington in the parish of Overton, spinster, per Licent.

John Ash, weaver, and Elizabeth Higgins, both of Overton.

William Newman, blacksmith, of Laverstoke, and Mary Dudman, of Overton.

1735.

Christenings.

John, the son of Francis and Susanna Redstall, of Overton,

was born on Wednesday, the 11th day of June, at 58 minutes past one of the clock in the morning, and baptized July 24.

John, the son of William Kerchard, of Overton, tailor, and Rachel his wife.

Joseph, the son of John Smith, of Polhampton, and Elizabeth his wife.

Burials.

John Harmsworth, of Overton.

Thomas Knight, farmer, of Ash Farm.

Marriages.

Richard Wilkins and Jane Pointer, both of Overton.

Gabriel Taylor, of Freefolk, and Elizabeth Ansel, of this parish.

Moses Lowe, glover, and Margaret Barnet, both of Overton.

1736.

Christenings.

Mary, the daughter of Anthony Kerchard, of Overton, tailor, and Joan his wife.

Marriages.

Henry Collier and Elizabeth Knight, both of Cliddesden, per Licent.

John Smith, of Hungerford, farmer, and Elizabeth Pearce, per Licent.

Henry Cook, weaver, and Jane Web, both of Overton.

Richard Vokes, of Ellisfield, and Ann Spencer, of Overton.

N.B. Richard Vokes and Ann his wife were (soon after their marriage) both suffocated at Ellisfield by setting a chafing-dish of lighted charcoal in their chamber, which had been lately plastered. They were found dead together in their bed by their neighbours.

William Dore, of Chilbolton, and Mary Heath, of Overton.

1737.

Christenings.

John, the son of John Smith, of Polhampton, and El his wife.

Timothy, the son of John Cully, shoemaker, and Ann his wife.

Richard, the son of John Baverstock, of Overton, alehouse keeper, and Elizabeth his wife.

Burial.

Thomas Nobes, of Overton.

Marriages.

Richard Blackburn and Rose Hall, both of Overton.

John Blackman and Mary Smith, widow, both of Overton.

George Guy and Hannah Ansel, both of Overton.

Richard Hankin and Hannah Barnard, both of Overton, per Licent.

David Digweed, serving man, and Mary Draper, of Sydmonton, per Licent.

Christopher Martin and Mary Gyat, both of Overton, per Licent.

Samuel Grigg, of Overton, weaver, and Elizabeth Ansel, of Ash.

Richard Misselbrook, weaver, and Mary Smith, both of Overton.

William Glover and Mary Tiney, both of Overton.

1738.

Christenings.

George, the son of the widow Nobes, of Polhampton.

Richard, the son of Thomas Pike.

Elizabeth, the daughter of John Cooper, of Kingsdown, and Ann his wife.

Thomas Ash, a negro boy servant to Mr. Spence, of London, merchant.

Jane, the daughter of Anthony Kerchard, of Overton, tailor, and Joan his wife.

Joseph, the son of John Cully, of Overton, gardener, and Ann his wife.

Burials.

John Hack, warrener.

Joan, the wife of Matthew Tilbery.

Matthew Tilbery.

Marriages.

Thomas Wright, wheelwright, and Sarah Misslebrook, both of Overton.

Thomas Lovewell, shoemaker, and Mary Harfel, both of Overton.

John Cooper and Sarah Baverstock, both of Overton.

George Spence, of London, merchant, and Elizabeth Russell, daughter of Dr. Russell, Rector of this parish, per Licent.

Edward Jones, of Overton, schoolmaster, and Sarah Louch, of the parish of Hanniton, per Licent.

George Paise, miller, and Ann Clarke, both of Overton, per Licent.

Alexander Marks, of Laverstoke, and Elizabeth Smith, of Overton.

1739.

Christening.

Amy, the daughter of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.

Marriages.

Richard Baverstock and Elizabeth Grigg, both of Overton.

John Beal and Elizabeth Woodnot, *alias* Rampton, both of Overton.

1740.

Christenings.

John, the son of John Rolfe, of Overton, peruke-maker, and Elizabeth his wife.

Thomas, the son of Thomas Grigg, of Overton, butcher, and Mary his wife.

Ann, the daughter of William Forder, of Polhampton, shepherd, and Mary his wife.

Joseph, the son of Richard Smith, of Overton, thatcher, and Elizabeth his wife.

John, the son of Moses Lowe, of Overton, glover, and Margaret his wife.

Burials.

Cornelius Harding.

Mary Randall, servant to Farmer Marriner.

Marriages.

Philip Brown, servant to Mr. Dicker, and Joan Ansel, both of Overton.
John Neal, of Farringdon, blacksmith, and Amy Annis, *alias* Harris, of Whitchurch, per Licent.
Thomas Cooper and Mary Goodyer, both of Overton.

1741.

Christenings.

Mary, the daughter of William Middleton, of Overton, and Ann his wife.
John, the son of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.
John, the son of Thomas Larkam and Frances his wife.

Burials.

Ann, the daughter of the late Thomas Nobes of Overton.
Elizabeth, the daughter of John Brown, of Polhampton, shepherd.
Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Tilbery, formerly of Litchfield.
Ellen, the wife of John Brown, of Polhampton, shepherd.

1742.

Christenings.

Ann, the daughter of William Ward and Hannah his wife.
Ann, the daughter of George Paise, of Overton, miller, and Ann his wife.
Sarah, the daughter of John Baverstock, of Overton, alehouse keeper, and Eliza his wife.

Burials.

William Minchin, of Kingsdown, Labr.
Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Russell, Rector of this parish. She was born in Dean's Yard, Westminster, July 8th, 1683, and died at Ash, December 16th, 1742, and was buried under the east window of the chancel in the churchyard.

Marriages.

Thomas Bunny, weaver, and Elizabeth Primmer, widow, both of Overton.
John Bundy and Mary Basset, both of Overton.
Robert Purdue, bricklayer, and Mary Cooper, both of Overton.
Richard Golbourne and Margaret James, both of Overton.
William Primmer, tailor, and Mary Ansel, both of Overton.
John Wiltshire, of Overton, shepherd, and Ann Gover, late of Basingstoke, spinster.
John Taylor, of Kingsclere, and Hannah Osman, of Hurstburne Priors, spinster, per Licent.

1743.

Burials.

Mrs. Ann Reynolds, widow, was buried in the church.
Bryan Marriner, farmer.

Marriages.

Francis Redstall, blacksmith, and Mary Samuels, both of Overton.
James Dicker, of Overton, gent., and Mrs. Elizabeth Spiers, of New Alresford, spinster, per Licent.
Samuel Corbet, of North Waltham, wheelwright, and Mary Blackburn, of Overton.

1744.

Christenings.

Mary, the daughter of John Wiltshire, of Polhampton, shepherd, and Ann his wife.

Marriages.

William Dredge, of Basingstoke, malster, and Mary Orpwood, of Overton, spinster, per Licent.
Richard Wheeler and Elizabeth Lovel, widow, both of Overton.
Richard Russell, Dr. of Civil Law, Rector of this parish, and Mary Dicker, of Overton, spinster, per Licent.

William Wild Read and Mary Smith, both of Overton, per Licent.

William Martin, blacksmith, and Mary Skeat, both of Overton.

1745.

Christenings.

Richard, the son of John Baverstock, of Overton, alehouse keeper, and Elizabeth his wife.

Ruth, the daughter of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.

John, the son of John Craft, of Overton, glover, and Elizabeth his wife.

Sarah, the daughter of John Wiltshire, of Polhampton, shepherd, and Ann his wife.

Richard, the son of James Knight and Sarah his wife.

Marriages.

John Head and Ursula Parker, both of Overton.

Edward Hutchins and Anne Dear, spinster, both of Overton.

John Marshall, of Kingsclere, warrener, and Ann Burdd, of Overton, spinster, per Licent.

William Parsons, weaver, and Elizabeth Smith, widow, both of Overton.

John Brown, shepherd, and Alice Webb, spinster, both of Overton.

Andrew Pointer and Ann Silver, both of Overton.

Thomas Chapman and Elizabeth Russell, spinster, both of Overton.

Francis Stevens and Amy Parfit, spinster, both of Overton.

John Parker and Ann Cooper, spinster, both of Overton.

John Burnet and Mary Goddard, spinster, both of Overton.

Thomas Moor and Elizabeth Tiney, spinster, both of Overton.

1746.

Christening.

Isaac, the son of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Burial.

Ann, the daughter of Robert Wilmot.

Marriages.

John Talmage, of Andover, bricklayer, and Ann Burney, of Overton.
Thomas Jones and Ann Jones, both of Overton.
Charles Smith and Mary Huntmill, both of Overton.
Isaac Bennet and Elizabeth West, both of Overton.
Gabriel Lywood and Elizabeth Marks, both of Overton.

1747.

Christenings.

James, the son of Francis Stevens, of Polhampton, and Amy his wife.
Sarah, the daughter of John Bunn, of Polhampton, junr., farmer, and Mary his wife.
Charles William, the son of Dr. Richard Russell, Rector of Ash, and Mary his wife. He was born April 16th, 1747, about eight after two in ye morning.
Edward, the son of James Imber, post-chaise driver, and Mary his wife.
Anna, the daughter of John Wiltshire, of Polhampton, shepherd, and Ann his wife.
Noah, the son of Noah Parfit of Quidhampton, miller, and Elizabeth his wife.
Abraham, the son of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.
Catharine, the daughter of Anthony Kerchard, of Overton, tailor, and Joan his wife.
Ann, the daughter of George Tarrant, of Overton, shepherd, and Mary his wife.

Burials.

Isaac, the son of William Corbet.
Elizabeth, the daughter of James Knight.

Marriages.

William Fulcher, of Bramdean, and Ann Porter, of Overton.
Thomas Ward, of Laverstoke and Patience Webb, of Overton.
William Fisher and Ellinor Randall, both of Overton.
John Pannel, of Woodmancote, and Ann Porter, of Overton.

1748.

Christenings.

Frances, the daughter of Dr. Richard Russell, Rector of Ash, and Mary his wife. She was born on Saturday, Dec. 24th, 1748, about 30 minutes after six in the morning.

Ann, the daughter of Noah Parfit, of Quidhampton, miller, and Elizabeth his wife.

Francis, the son of Francis Redstall, of Overton, junr., blacksmith, and Mary his wife.

John, the son of Andrew Pointer, of Overton, fisherman, and Ann his wife.

Mary, the daughter of William Yalden, of Polhampton, farmer, and Ann his wife.

William, the son of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Mary, the daughter of Henry Porter and Ann his wife.

Sarah, the daughter of John Craft, of Overton, glover, and Elizabeth his wife.

William, the son of William Cheverton, farmer, and Emma his wife.

Burials.

William, the son of William Cheverton, farmer.

William, the son of William Corbet, labourer.

Hannah, the wife of William Ward, labourer.

Marriages.

John Collier, of Winchester, coachman, and Elizabeth Faithful, of Overton, spinster, per Licent.

John Pearce, of Whitchurch, clothier, and Mary Dicker, of Overton, per Licent.

Richard Bull, of Overton, shepherd, and Sarah Pipworth, of do., per Licent.

George Cook, of Dogmansfield, and Mary Trimmer, of Ash, widow.

Samuel Kurse, miller, and Amy Treachum, both of Overton.

William Wimbolt, of Itchingswell, and Susannah Cowdery, of Overton.

1749.

Christenings.

Joseph, the son of William Price, of Overton, shoemaker, and Hannah his wife.

Mary, the daughter of William Corbett and Mary his wife.

Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas Lovel, of Overton, shoemaker, and Mary his wife.

Kezia, the daughter of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.

Marriages.

Thomas Wheeler and Sarah Cooper, both of Overton.

John Cooper, of Overton, farmer, and Hannah Bishop, of Basingstoke, per Licent.

George Brown, shepherd, and Mary Goldsmith, both of Overton.

Henry Wilkins and Elizabeth Bassett, both of Overton.

John Portsmouth and Martha Baker, both of Overton.

Thomas Prior and Amy Stevens, both of Overton.

Jacob Jerom and Elizabeth Cooper, both of Overton.

1750.

Christenings.

Emma, the daughter of William Cheverton, farmer, and Emma his wife.

Elizabeth, the daughter of James Knight and Sarah his wife.

John, the son of William Hedgcock, of Overton, and Mary his wife.

Mary, daughter of Dr. Richard Russell, Rector of Ash, and Mary his wife. She was born on Monday, the 4th instant, about 12 minutes after one in the morning.

Stephen, son of Stephen Ewins, brickmaker, and Betty his wife.

George, the son of Mary, the wife of Richard Kesley by ——.

Jonathan, son of Jonathan Hampton, of Overton, tailor, and Anna his wife.

Marriages.

John Watridge, junr., fellmonger, and Ann Cooper, both of Overton.

William Faithful, innholder, and Martha Chamberlain, both of Overton, p. l.
William Bennet, papermaker, and Elizabeth Burgess, both of Overton.
William Monck, of Longparish, miller, and Ann Phillis, of the parish of Ash.
John Toogood, of Dean, shepherd, and Ann Cully, of Overton.

1751.

Christenings.

Sarah, daughter of William Webb, of Quidhampton, farmer, and Hannah his wife.
Roger, son of Philip Lamb, of Overton, waggoner, and Mary his wife.
Ann, daughter of Henry Porter and Ann his wife.
Richard, son of Robert Wilmot, of Polhampton, and Martha his wife.

Burials.

Elizabeth, widow of William Minchin, formerly of Kingsdown.
Ann, daughter of Henry Porter and Ann his wife.

Marriage.

Charles Holland and Ann Goddard, both of Overton.

1752.

Christenings.

Mary, daughter of John Rolf and Ann his wife.
William, son of William Cheverton, farmer, and Emma his wife.
Peter, son of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Burials.

Mary, daughter of Henry Porter and Ann his wife.
Ruth, daughter of John Minchin.

Marriages.

John Boyer, of Whitchurch, papermaker, and Elizabeth Baker, of Overton.
William Hughs, of Woodhay, husbandman, and Mary Adams, of Overton.
Daniel Dangerfield, serving-man, and Sarah Blunden.
Richard Cox, of the parish of Kingsclere, and Elizabeth Robinson, of the same parish, p. l.

1753.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Porter and Ann his wife.
Ruth, daughter of John Aslet, of Overton, collar-maker, and Sarah his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of Farmer William Webb, of Quidhampton, and Hannah his wife.
Stephen, son of Stephen Ewins, of Overton, brickmaker, and Sarah his wife.
Jane, daughter of James Knight and Sarah his wife.
Richard Coventry, son of William Faithful, of Overton, innkeeper, and Martha his wife.

Burials.

Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Porter.
Ann, wife of Henry Porter.
Jane, daughter of James Knight.

Marriages.

Stephen Hampton, tailor, and Mary Hedgcock, widow, both of Overton.
James Champ and Patience Rampton, both of Overton.
John Boney and Sarah Brown, both of Overton.
William Hickes, of London, gentleman, and Ann Portal, of Overton.
John Maton and Mary Alder, both of Overton.
William Stroud, of Church Okely, and Deborah Roach, of Ash.

1754.

Christenings.

John, son of William Cheverton, farmer, and Emma his wife.

Sarah, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Stephen, son of John Wiltshire, of Polhampton, shepherd, and Ann his wife.

Elizabeth, daughter of James Champ, of Overton, and Patience his wife.

Burials.

Mary, daughter of William Middleton, of Polhampton.

Ellinor Hack, of Overton.

1755.

Christenings.

Ann, daughter of John Sheppard, shepherd, and Elizabeth his wife.

Thomas, son of Thomas Chamberlin, farmer, of Overton, and Mary his wife.

Mary, daughter of Samuel Wincworth, of Overton, bricklayer, and Mary his wife.

1756.

Christenings.

William, son of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Thomas, son of William Cheverton, farmer, and Emma his wife.

Thomas, son of Thomas Brazier and Jane his wife.

Judith, daughter of John Minchin and Elizabeth his wife.

James, son of Stephen Buston, of Overton, officer of excise, and Hannah his wife.

1757.

Christenings.

Sarah, daughter of Jacob Lush, of Overton, blacksmith, and Elizabeth his wife.

Mary, daughter of Jane Smith, of Overton, single woman.

Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Ewins, of Overton, brick-maker, and Sarah his wife.

Marriage.

William Clifford, of the parish of Hounslow in the county of Middlesex, and Hannah Ward, of this parish, single woman.

1758.

Christenings.

Thomas, son of Thomas Smith, of Overton, glazier and carpenter, and Mary his wife.

Mary, daughter of William Cheverton, farmer, and Emma his wife.

Patience, daughter of Jonathan Hampton, of Overton, tailor, and Anna his wife.

Thomas, son of William Parker, shepherd, and Maria his wife.

Frances, daughter of John Brown, junr., of Polhampton, farmer, and Mary his wife.

1759.

Christenings.

James, son of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Mary, daughter of George Paise, victualler, of Overton, and Ann his wife.

Anne, daughter of William Yalden, of Overton, farmer, and Mary his wife.

Edmund, son of James Chamberlin, of Overton, farmer, and Mary his wife.

John, son of Thomas Tiler, of Overton, wheelwright, and Mary his wife.

Burials.

Sarah, wife of James Knight.

Susanna Hack, of Overton.

1760.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Brazier and Jane his wife.

Ellinor, daughter of Daniel Chase, of Overton, husbandman, and Elizabeth his wife.

Burial.

Ann Hack, of Overton.

1761.

Christenings.

Charlotte, daughter of John Thatcher and Hannah his wife.
Frances, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.
Sarah Small, daughter of Sarah Watridge, of Overton, single woman.

1762.

Christenings.

Ann, daughter of William Parker, shepherd, and Mary his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Gale, husbandman, and Elizabeth his wife.

1763.

Christenings.

Charlotte, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

Burials.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, widow of the late Mr. Reginald Jones, Rector of North Waltham and Laverstoke, was buried in the church at the feet of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, her father and mother, in the middle aisle.

1764.

Christenings.

George, son of William Martin, of Overton, thatcher, and Mary his wife.
Mary, daughter of William Knight and Frances his wife.
Robert, son of Robert Kemp, of Overton, apothecary, and Mary his wife.

1765.

Christenings.

John, son of Henry Porter and Mary his wife.
Mary, daughter of Joseph Penton, of Overton, staymaker, and Mary his wife.
Richard, son of Richard Hall, of Overton, and Ann his wife.
William, son of John Wakeford, of Overton, post-chaise driver, and Mary his wife.

Burial.

Stephen Goodall, infant.

1766.

Christenings.

Edmund, son of James Baverstock, of Alton, farmer, and Martha his wife.
Charles, son of Thomas Brazier and Jane his wife.
William, son of William Woodly, of Overton, and Mary his wife.
Anna Sophia, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.

1767.

Christenings.

Ann, daughter of Robert Kemp, of Overton, apothecary, and Mary his wife.
James, son of William Knight and Frances his wife.
James, son of Robert Hern, shepherd, and Sarah his wife.
Ann, daughter of Joseph Penton, of Overton, staymaker, and Mary his wife.

Burial.

Charles, son of Thomas Brazier.

1768.

Christenings.

Elizabeth Small, daughter of Sarah Watridge, of Overton, single woman.
Richard, son of Henry Porter and Mary his wife.

Sarah, daughter of William Farley, of Overton, collarmaker, and Susannah his wife.

1769.

Christenings.

William, son of William Knight and Frances his wife.
Joseph Taplin, son of Richard Smith, of Overton, shopkeeper, and Sarah his wife.
Henrietta Maria, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.
David, son of Joseph Penton, of Overton, staymaker, and Mary his wife.
Sarah, daughter of Richard Cracknell, of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and Mary his wife.
Ann, daughter of Noah Parfit, jun., of Overton, miller, and Ann his wife.
Sarah, daughter of John Paterson, of Overton, shopkeeper, and Sarah his wife.

Burial.

Martha, wife of Robert Wilmot.

1770.

Christenings.

Sarah Dicker, daughter of Ann Parfit, of Quidhampton, single woman.
Richard, son of Richard Watts and Ann his wife.
Fanny, daughter of John Potter, alehouse keeper, and Ellen his wife.

1771.

Christenings.

Maria, daughter of William Fulbrook, of Overton, post-chaise driver, and Ann his wife.
Frances, daughter of William Knight and Frances his wife.
Mary, daughter of Edward Cook, of Overton, and Elizabeth his wife.
Sarah, daughter of Richard Smith, of Overton, shopkeeper, and Sarah his wife.

William, son of James Goodall and Elizabeth his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of William Field and Elizabeth his wife.

Burials.

Henrietta Maria, daughter of William Corbet.
John Wilmot.
William Ward.
Charles William Russell, son of the Rector and Mary his wife, was buried in the chancel, about a yard from the south window of the said chancel, between the seat and the rails.

1772.

Christenings.

Henrietta Maria, daughter of William Corbet and Mary his wife.
Mary, daughter of Richard Watts and Ann his wife.

Burial.

Frances Russell, daughter of the said Rector by Mary his said wife, and buried on the north side of her brother's grave, as near as could be to the said chancel.

1773.

Christenings.

James Philpot, son of Pammelia Goodly, single woman.
Elizabeth, daughter of William Knight and Frances his wife.
Catharine, daughter of William Field and Elizabeth his wife.

1774.

Christenings.

James, son of Joseph Smith and Mary his wife.
James, son of Richard Watts and Ann his wife.

1775.

Christenings.

Ann, daughter of William Knight and Frances l
William, son of William Field and El

Burial.

James, son of Joseph Smith.

1776.

Christenings.

William, son of Joseph Smith and Mary his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. William Soper and Elizabeth his wife.

Burial.

Mary Church, single woman.

1777.

Christenings.

Benjamin, son of William Knight and Frances his wife.
Mary, daughter of John Ewins, shepherd, and Mary his wife.

Burials.

James Knight.
Thomas Hidding.

1778.

Christenings.

Thomas, son of Richard Watts and Ann his wife.
Mary, daughter of William Field and Elizabeth his wife.
Sarah, daughter of Mr. William Soper and Elizabeth his wife.

Burials.

Ann, daughter of William Knight.
A poor man who was found dead in the lane leading to the Warren House, on the 23rd October, was buried 25th October, the coroner having sat upon the body yesterday. His name supposed to be John Johnstone, by a certificate found in his pocket, and brought to me after his burial.
Amy Cheverton, wife of William Cheverton, of Brown Candover.

1780.

Christenings.

Sarah, daughter of William Field and Elizabeth his wife.
John, son of William Knight and Frances his wife.

Burials.

A poor travelling woman who died in one of the farm barns, her name unknown.
Ellinor Hack, of Overton.

1781.

Christenings.

Charlotte, daughter of Abraham Knight, occupier of Ash Farm, and Elizabeth his wife.
Frances, son of John Drew and Ann his wife.
Henry James, son of the Hon. Bartholomew Bouverie, Esq., and Mary Wyndham his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Watts and Ann his wife.

1782.

Christenings.

Charlotte, daughter of William Knight and Frances his wife.
Isaac, son of William Field and Elizabeth his wife.
Sarah, daughter of John Drew and Ann his wife.
Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Knight, farmer, and Elizabeth his wife.

1783.

Christenings.

Edward, son of the Honble. Bartholomew Bouverie and Mary Wyndham his wife.
Richard, son of William and Frances Knight.

Burial.

Rev. Richard Russell, D.C.L., aged 88.

Marriages.

John Bolton, of the parish of the Close, Salisbury, and Charlotte Thorne, of the parish of Ash.

Thomas Jones, of Norington, in the parish of Overton, and Elizabeth Harmsworth, of the parish of Ashe, per licentiam.

The above was deemed illegal on account of Thomas Jones being under age.

1784.

Christenings.

Thomas, the son of Elizabeth Harmsworth, who was married by licence 5th of July last to Thomas Jones of Norington, in Overton, but he being under age the marriage was deemed illegal, and she was returned to this parish.

Charlotte, daughter of Richard and Ann Watts.

Charlotte, daughter of William and Elizabeth Field.

Burials.

Isaac, son of William and Elizabeth Field.

Charles, son of Joseph and Mary Smith.

1785.

Christenings.

William, son of John and Ann Drew.

Hannah, daughter of William and Frances Knight.

Christopher Edward, son of Rev. George Lefroy and Anne his wife, daughter of Edward Brydges, Esq., of Wootton Court, near Canterbury.

Burials.

Sarah, daughter of William and Mary Corbet.

Mary Russell, widow of Dr. Richard Russell, late rector of this parish.

David Wheeler.

1786.

Christening.

John, son of William and Elizabeth Wild.

Burials.

William Cheverton, of the parish of North Waltham, and formerly of this parish.

Francis Russell, the son of George Midford, of Alresford, and Mary his wife, daughter of Dr. Richard Russell, late rector of this parish.

Marriage.

James Mundy, resident in Ashe, but of the parish of Lower Wootton, and Sarah Sampson of Pamber.

1787.

Christenings.

Wyndham, the son of the Hon. Bartholomew Bouverie and Mary Wyndham his wife.

N.B.—The Hon. B. Bouverie removed with his family to Coleshill, Berks, April 3, 1787.

Harriet, daughter of William and Elizabeth Field.

Frances, daughter of Andrew Twitchen and Sarah his wife.

Ann, daughter of John and Ann Drew.

William Thomas, son of Rev. George and Ann Lefroy.

Burials.

Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth Wild.

Catharine Thorne, nurse at Ashe Park, wife of Thomas Thorne, of the parish of Tollard Royal, Wilts.

Marriages.

Abraham Attwood, of the parish of Basingstoke, and Elizabeth Gregory, of this parish.

Moses Rogers, of this parish, and Mary Church, of Overton.

1788.

Christenings.

Harriet, daughter of William and Frances Knight.

Hannah, daughter of Elizabeth Jones, *alias* Harmsworth, not living with Thomas Jones, supposed by another man.

George, son of William and Elizabeth Wild.

Burials.

Harriet, daughter of William and Frances Knight.

Robert Wilmot, clerk of this parish upwards of thirty-six years, aged 87.

A poor travelling man, supposed to be a drover, who died in one of the outhouses at Litchfield Farm on Monday last, October 20th. Name unknown.

Marriages.

Joseph Sharp, of the parish of Itchen Abbots, and Ann Mursell, of the parish of Ashe.

William Froome and Hannah Lock, both of this parish.

1789.

Christenings.

Hannah, daughter of William and Elizabeth Field.

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Ann Drew.

Jane, daughter of Richard Waterman, farmer at Litchfield, and Jane his wife.

Burials.

George, son of William and Elizabeth Wild.

Francis Midford, son of George Midford, of Alresford, and Mary his wife.

1790.

Christening.

Francis, son of John Astridge, of Overton, and Mary his wife.

Burials.

Richard, son of William and Frances Knight.

Ursula Taddy, of Canterbury, widow of John Taddy of said city, surgeon, and daughter of Rebecca and John Quested of St. Stephens, near ditto, aged 54.

1791.

Christenings,

Sarah, daughter of Charlotte Western, single woman, late servant at Ashe Farm, and William Pocock, servant at ditto.

John, son of William and Sarah Porter.
James, son of William and Elizabeth Field.
Benjamin, son of Rev. George and Ann Lefroy.
John, son of John and Ann Drew.
Peter, son of Moses and Mary Rogers.
Thomas, son of Richard Waterman, farmer at Litchfield, and Jane his wife.

Burials.

William, son of Richard Waterman, farmer at Litchfield, and Jane his wife.
William Thomas, son of Rev. George and Ann Lefroy, baptized November 12, 1787.
Mary, wife of William Corbet, labourer and woodman.
Thomas, son of Richard Waterman, farmer at Litchfield, and Jane his wife.

1792.

Christenings.

John Lewis, son of Elizabeth Jones, *alias* Harmsworth, *vide* entry, 1788.
William, son of Jane Fisher, single woman.
Thomas, son of James and Sarah Mundy.

Marriages.

William Cox, of the parish of Laverstoke, and Jane Fisher.
Edward Morris, of the parish of Finchampstead, in the county of Berkshire, and Sarah Barnett of this parish.

1793.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, daughter of James and Sarah Dollary, shepherd at New Barn.
Joseph, son of William and Elizabeth Field.
Ann, daughter of Thomas and Olive Scott.

Marriage.

John Holland and Ann Astridge, both of this parish.

1794.

Christenings.

Jane, daughter of John and Ann Drew.
Elizabeth, daughter of William and Jane Cox.
Ann, daughter of John and Ann Holland.

Burial.

Jane Hughes, housekeeper at Ashe Park.

Marriages.

William Sheerman, of the parish of Wolverton, and Dinah Rolfe, of this parish.
Richard Haines, of the parish of Wherwell, and Frances Knight, of this parish.

1795.

Christenings.

Ann, daughter of James and Sarah Mundy.
Mary, daughter of William Porter, of the navy, and Sarah his wife.
James, son of James and Sarah Dollary.

Burials.

James Gardiner, coachman to Rev. G. Lefroy, aged 31.
William Farrant, shepherd at South Litchfield Farm, aged about 19.
Mary Foster, widow, 81.
Judith Murrell, widow, aged 60, who near sixteen years faithfully discharged the duties of a nurse to all the children of the Rev. George Lefroy.

1796.

Christenings.

George, son of John Culley, farmer at Ashe Warren, and Mary his wife.
Harriet, daughter of Thomas and Olive Scot.

Burials.

William Corbet, woodman, aged 75.

Frances, the wife of William Knight, an exemplary woman, aged about 53.

Marriage.

John Blackman and Elizabeth Smith, both of Ash.

1797.

Christenings.

William, son of John and Elizabeth Blackman.
James, son of John Culley, of Ashe Warren, and Mary his wife.
Harriet, daughter of John Harfield, carter to J. Rolfe, and Elizabeth his wife.
James, son of John and Elizabeth Holland.
William, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.

Burials.

James, son of William and Frances Knight.
Richard, son of Robert Wilmot, late clerk.
James, son of John and Ann Holland.

Marriage.

William Moody and Mary Breadmore, both of Ash.

1798.

Christenings.

John, son of James and Sarah Dollary.
Maria, daughter of John and Elizabeth Holland.
Thomas, son of Edmund and Susannah Taylor.
May, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Wake.
Lucy, daughter of John and Ann Drew.

Burials.

Mary, wife of John Culley, of Ashe Warren.
William Knight, industrious, honest, and at last blind, aged 61.

Marriages.

Mary Reynolds, of Ash, and George Cooke, of Overton.
Anna Maria Privet and John Brown, both of Ash.

1799.

Christenings.

Hannah, daughter of William and Jane Cox.
Charles, son of John and Elizabeth Blackman.
Ann, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.
George, son of James and Hannah Goodall.

1800.

Christenings.

Thomas Vokes, son of Catharine Field, single woman.
Henry, son of William and Sarah Cooper.
Daniel, son of James and Sarah Dollary.
John, son of John Harfield, carter at Ashe Park, and Elizabeth his wife.

Burials.

Anthony Brydges, son of Rev. George and Anne Lefroy.
Thomas Baily, having honestly and faithfully discharged his duty as Bailiff to Dr. Russell, the previous rector of Ashe, for thirty-four or thirty-five years, aged about 64.
Elizabeth, wife of William Wild, labourer and clerk.

Marriage.

William Wild, of the parish of Laverstoke, and Hannah Jackson, of this parish.

1801.

Christenings.

David, son of John and Elizabeth Blackman.
Elizabeth, daughter of William and Hannah Wild.
Charlotte, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.

Burials.

William Wild, near twelve years clerk of this parish; carter and lately Bailiff to Rev. George Lefroy; killed on Monday last by falling under the wheel as the horses were running away with a loaded waggon. Aged 52 next May.

Charlotte, daughter of William and Sarah Cooper.
Maria, daughter of John and Ann Holland.
James, son of William Corbet, woodman, and Mary his wife.
Henry, son of William and Sarah Cooper.

Marriages.

Rev. Henry Rice and Jemima Lucy Lefroy, both of Ashe.
William Ashford and Elizabeth Watts.

1802.

Christenings.

Jane, daughter of William and Jane Cox.
Joseph, son of James and Sarah Mundy.
Nathaniel, son of Joseph and Sarah Smith.

Burial.

Benjamin Langlois, of Cork Street, Burlington Gardens, London, the last survivor of four sons and a daughter of Peter and Julia Langlois, died the 20th instant about seven in the morning. Born 7th of January, 1727; aged near 76 years.

1803.

Christenings.

Ann, daughter of William Wild, carter at Polhampton, and Hannah his wife.
Charles Harfield, son of Elizabeth Wake, single woman.
Harriet, daughter of James Collis (servant to Rev. George Lefroy) and Ann his wife.
Charlotte, daughter of Thomas Smith, shepherd at South Litchfield, and Mary his wife.
George, son of James Woodham, carter at Ashe Park, and Sarah his wife.
Joseph, son of William Goodall (at Overton), soldier, and Ann his wife.

1804.

Christenings.

Charles, son of John Goodall, clerk, and Jane

Lucy, daughter of William and Sarah Cooper.
Frances Mary, daughter of James and Ann Collis.

Burial.

Anne, the wife of the Rev. George Lefroy, Rector of this parish, and daughter of the late Edward Brydges, Esq., of Wootton, Kent, died Sunday 16th instant, at 11 o'clock in the morning, in consequence of a fall from her horse about three o'clock the day before.

1805.

Christenings.

William, son of William and Hannah Wild.
Jemima, daughter of Joseph and William Smith, junr.
Joseph, son of John and Elizabeth Blackman.
Elizabeth, daughter of William and Mary Simmonds.

Burial.

James, son of John and Elizabeth Blackman.

1806.

Christenings.

Martha, daughter of James and Hannah Goodall.
Elizabeth, daughter of James and Anne Collis.
Charlotte, daughter of Anne Dench, single woman, late servant at the Parsonage.
James, son of William and Hannah Wild.
Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Blackman.

Burials.

The Rev. George Lefroy, Rector of this parish and of Compton, in Surrey, who died Monday, 13th ult., at four o'clock in the afternoon, in consequence of a paralytic attack under which he had laboured during the three preceding days.
Joseph Smith, aged 68.
Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Blackman.

1807.

Christenings.

Miriam, daughter of Edward and Ann Orman.
David, son of James and Sarah Mundy.
George, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.
Lucy, daughter of William and Mary Hind.
George, son of Rev. J. H. George Lefroy and Sophia his wife, youngest daughter of Rev. Charles Jeffreys Cottrell, Rector of Hadley, Middlesex.
William, son of George and Mary Prior.

Burial.

Henry, son of William and Sarah Cooper.

1808.

Christenings.

Henry, son of John Goodall, clerk, and Jane his wife.
Sarah, daughter of William and Sarah Cooper.
Charlotte, daughter of James and Ann Wodehouse.
Ann, daughter of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Hannah, daughter of William and Hannah Wild.
Thomas, son of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.

Burials.

Mary, widow of Joseph Smith, 59.
John Leach, shepherd at Ashe Farm, 66.
Richard Watts, 70.
Ann, widow of John Leach, shepherd at Ashe Farm, 70.

1809.

Christenings.

Henry, son of William and Mary Hine.
James, son of George and Mary Prior.
Isaac, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.

Burial.

Eliza, infant daughter of John and Sarah Holloway.

Marriage.

Charles Dalton and Ann Faithfull, both of this parish.

1810.

Christenings.

Eliza, daughter of John Goodall, shoemaker and clerk, and Jane his wife.
Charles Edward, son of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Charlotte, daughter of William and Sarah Cooper.

Burial.

Ann, wife of John Holland, 52.

Marriage.

Joseph Wild, of the parish of North Waltham, and Mary Stroud, of this parish.

1811.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, daughter of William and Mary Hine.
Elizabeth Ann, daughter of the Rev. Edward St. John and Mary Hanson, his wife, daughter of Edward Dearnley, Esquire.
George, son of William and Hannah Wild.
Joseph, son of John and Sophia Collis.
Peter, son of Richard and Elizabeth Whitwick.
Emma, daughter of George Dill, servant to Rev. Mr. Blackstone of Worting, and Frances his wife.
Harriet, daughter of George and Mary Prior.
Frances Phœbe, daughter of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Harriet, daughter of James and Ann Wodehouse.
Mary, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.

Burials.

Emma, daughter of George and Frances Dill.
William, son of Joseph and Mary Keswick.

1812.

Christenings.

Caroline, daughter of John Atkins, tenant of Ashe Farm, and Mary his wife.
John, son of Edward and Ann Ormon.
Anthony Cottrell, son of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.

Burials.

Edward, son of Mr. John Atkins and Mary his wife.
Henry, the infant son of Thomas Slaughter of Dean, and Martha his wife.

1813.

Christenings.

Damaris, daughter of Elizabeth Miller, single woman.
Ann, daughter of William and Mary Hine.
Charles, son of Richard and Elizabeth Mitchell.
Charles, son of John and Sophia Collis.
William, son of Samuel and Harriet Tucker.
Richard and Ann, twins, son and daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.
Maria, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.
Harriett, daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones.
Jane Partridge, daughter of Edward and Mary St. John.

Burials.

Marianne Atkins, 9.
George Jones, 2.

Marriages.

James Drew, of Ashe, and Sarah Bowderay, of Whitchurch.
William Bone, of Overton, and Ann Drew, of Ashe.
William Drew and Priscilla Sturgiss, both of Ashe.

1814.

Christenings.

William, son of Francis and Elizabeth New.
James, son of William and Anne Bone.
Harriett, daughter of William and Elizabeth Alexander.

Sophia Anna, daughter of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Hannah, daughter of James and Sarah Waldron.
Jane, daughter of Isaac and Mary Wake.

Burials.

Moses Rogers, 72.
Sarah Osman, 33.

Marriage.

Thomas Mundy and Maria Blackburn, both of Ashe.

1815.

Christenings.

Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Mitchell.
Jane, daughter of William and Mary Hine.
Edward William, son of Edward and Mary St. John.
Lucy, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.
Martha, daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones.

Marriage.

John Oliver and Jane Mundy, both of Ashe.

1816.

Christenings.

Anna Jemima, daughter of Rev. Benjamin and Jane Anna Lefroy.
Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith.

Burials.

Henry Watson, 12.
Thomas Prior, 62.
Lucy Cooper, 12.
Elizabeth Field, 65.
David Blackman, 15.

Marriage.

William Hill and Mary Mundy, both of Ashe.

1817.

Christenings.

Eliza, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Astridge.
Charlotte, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Mitchell.
John Henry, son of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Harriett, daughter of William and Mary Hine.
Julia Cassandra, daughter of Rev. Benjamin and Jane Anna Lefroy.
Joseph, son of Isaac and Mary Wake.
James, son of Samuel and Harriett Tucker.
James, son of George and Elizabeth Cooper.
Lucy, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Mitchell.
James, son of Richard and Sarah Bew.
William, son of William and Elizabeth Jones.
Eliza, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.

Burials.

Mary Smith, 5.
Elizabeth Blackman, 47.
William Jones, 2 months.

Marriage.

Robert Smith, of Steventon, and Hannah Waterman, of Ashe.

1818.

Christenings.

Sarah Ann, daughter of Samuel and Mary Lucas, of Ashe Warren Farm.
Edward, son of John and Mary Atkins.
John, son of Charles and Frances Cooper.

Burials.

Henry Hine, 9.
Mary Hine, 31.

1819.

Christenings.

Henry Maxwell, son of J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Henry, son of Francis and Elizabeth Astridge.

Jane, daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones.
James, son of Benjamin and Sarah Mitchell.
Priscilla, daughter of Jane Taphouse, single woman.
George, son of George and Elizabeth Cooper.
Lucy Jemima, daughter of J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Ann, daughter of Samuel and Harriett Tucker.
Harriett, daughter of Mary Bunce, single woman.
Tryphena, daughter of William and Elizabeth Pointer.
Samuel George, son of Samuel and Mary Lucas.
Thomas, son of Charles and Hannah Knight.

Burial.

John Blackman, 47.

Marriage.

William Clements of Dummer, and Elizabeth Kriswick of Ashe.

1820.

Christenings.

William, son of Thomas and Hester Moore.
George, son of Edmund and Harriett Taylor.
Lucy, daughter of William and Sarah Monger.

Burials.

Sarah Holloway, 38.
Lucy Monger, 2 months.

Marriage.

David Pike and Hannah Cox, both of Ashe.

1821.

Christenings.

Emily, daughter of John and Mary Atkins.
Lucy, daughter of Charles and Frances Cooper.
Lucy, daughter of William and Sarah Monger.
Frederick William, son of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Julia, daughter of Edward and Mary St. John.

Burials.

William Blackman, 24.
William Cooper, 60.
John Holloway, 42.

Marriages.

Joseph Field and Keziah Mundy, both of Ashe.
William Burton, of North Waltham, and Jane Drew, of Ashe.

1822.

Christenings.

Marianne, daughter of Joseph and Keziah Field.
James, daughter of Charles and Frances Cooper.
Henry, son of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.
Emma, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Mitchell.
Charles, son of William and Keziah Walker.
James, son of William and Mary Hine.
Margaret, daughter of John and Mary Atkins.
James, son of William and Sarah Prior.

Burials.

Mary Rogers, 63.
Charles Walker, 1 day.
Thomas Hoare, 26.

Marriages.

Charles Littleworth, of Steventon, and Elizabeth Weld, of Ashe.
William Walker and Keziah Osman, both of this parish.

1823.

Christenings.

William Henry, son of Edmund and Harriett Taylor.
Isabella, daughter of Rev. J. H. George and Sophia Lefroy.
Stephen, son of William and Elizabeth Jones.
Henry William, son of Joseph and Keziah Field.
Harriet, daughter of William and Sarah Monger.
Martha, daughter of Thomas and Harriett Taylor.

Burials.

James Bew, 3.
Rev. John Henry George Lefroy, 41.

1824.

Christenings.

Henry, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
George Frederick Gillmore, son of Maria Brown, single woman.
Richard, son of David and Hannah Pike.
Jane, daughter of William and Sarah Prior.
Louisa Langlois, daughter of Rev. Benjamin and Jane Anna Lefroy.

Burials.

Charlotte Woodhouse, 15.
Anne Watts, 83.

Marriages.

William Field and Miriam Ormond, both of Ashe.
Thomas Pope, of Overton, and Lucy Hine of Ashe.

1825.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Frances Cooper.
George, son of William and Mary Hine.
James, son of William and Sarah Clarke.
James, son of Daniel and Sibella Dollery.
William Henry, son of Samuel and Mary Lucas. Born 1820.
Joseph Goldsmith, son of Samuel and Mary Lucas. Born 1821.
Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Mary Lucas. Born 1823.
James, son of Joseph and Keziah Field.
Anne, daughter of Edmund and Harriet Taylor.
Henrietta Maria, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Mitchell.
Charles, son of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.
Eliza, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.

Burials.

Lucy Drew, 25.
Maria Cooper, 27.
Charlotte Cooper, 14.

1826.

Christenings.

Lydia, daughter of William and Sarah Monger.
Louisa, daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones.
William, son of William and Sarah Prior.

Burials.

William Corbet, 70.
William Hall, 6 weeks.
Jane Hine, 11.
Benjamin Mitchell, 50.
Henrietta Maria Mitchell, 17 months.

Marriage.

John Hall and Elizabeth Cox, both of Ashe.

1827.

Christenings.

Elizabeth, daughter of Simon and Christiana Cooper.
Gilbert, son of William and Elizabeth Clement.
Caroline, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Charles, son of Charles and Frances Cooper.
Elizabeth Lucy, daughter of Benjamin and Jane Anna Lefroy.
John Herbert, s. of Joseph and Keziah Field.
Fanny, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Whitewick.
Alfred, son of Maria Brown, single woman.

Burials.

William Prior, 3 months.
Hannah Mitchell, 19.
Peter Rogers, 35.
Anne Ormond, 54.

Marriage.

James Hunt and Anne Cox, both of Ashe.

1828.

Christenings.

William, son of James and Anne Hunt.
Fanny, daughter of William and Sarah Prior.
Maria, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Goodall.
Harriet, daughter of James and Charlotte Blunden.
William, son of Thomas and Harriet Taylor.
Caroline, daughter of William and Sarah Monger.
Alfred, son of George and Mary Smith.
Mary Ann, daughter of Simon and Christiana Cooper.
Joseph, son of William and Elizabeth Jones.

Burials.

William Field, 83.
Elizabeth Whitewick, 42.
Fanny Whitewick, 3 months.
Maria Goodall, 3 weeks.
John Herbert Field, 6 months.

Marriages.

William Pierce, of Overton, and Sarah Keswick, of Ashe.
William White, of Whitchurch, and Hannah Bew, of Ashe.

1829.

Christenings.

Charlotte, daughter of Sally Cooper, single woman.
William, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund and Harriet Taylor.
Charles, son of Nathaniel and Lucy Smith.
Priscilla, danghter of Joseph and Keziah Field.

Burials.

Henry Smith, 2 years.
Rev. Benjamin Lefroy, 38.

Marriage.

Joseph Woodhouse and Ann Wild, both of Ashe.

1830.

Christenings.

Maria, daughter of William and Caroline Smith.
Charles, son of William and Sarah Prior.
George, son of John and Mary Bennett.
David, son of Job and Elizabeth Mundy.
James, son of James and Charlotte Blunden.
David, son of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Anthony, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.

Burials.

John Drew, 75.
William Mitchell, 9 months.
Elizabeth Mitchell, 22.

Marriage.

John Holdaway, of Stoke Charity, and Elizabeth Bew, of Ashe.

1831.

Christenings.

Anne, daughter of Richard and Mary Cox.
Ellen, daughter of William and Sarah Monger.
Mary, daughter of Anne Wake, single woman.
Fanny, daughter of Eliza Mitchell, single woman.
James Henry, son of Thomas and Harriett Taylor.
Mary Anne, daughter of Maria Brown, single woman.
George, son of John and Ruth Mitchell.
Adelaide, daughter of Joseph and Keziah Field.

Burial.

Anne Cox, 8 months.

Marriages.

John Bell, of Overton, and Hester Rolph, widow, of A
Henry Holdaway, of Stoke Charity, and Charlotte

1832.

Christenings.

Jane, daughter of John and Mary Bennett.
Thomas, son of William and Olive Prior.
David, son of Eliza Goodall, single woman.
Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Sarah, daughter of William and Caroline Hall.
Jane, daughter of Charles and Fanny Cooper.

Burials.

James Bew, 8 months.
Mary Hine, 40.
William Mitchell, 23.

Marriage.

Richard Cox and Eliza Mitchell, both of Ashe.

1833.

Christenings.

John, son of James and Charlotte Blunden.
James, son of John and Hannah Aslet.
William, son of Ann Wake, single woman.
Ann, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.

Burial.

Hannah Prior, 80.

Marriages.

John Aslet and Hannah Wild, both of Ashe.
Richard Silvester Lasham of Westmeon and Caroline Atkins.

1834.

Christenings.

Hannah, daughter of Richard and Eliza Cox.
David, son of John and Mary Bennett.
George, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
George, son of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Francis, son of Joseph and Keziah Field.
Charles, son of John and Anne Goodall.

John, son of Thomas and Harriett Taylor.
William, son of William and Caroline Hall.
William Woodcock Pine, son of William and Mary Marshall, of Oxford.
Jane, daughter of George and Mary Smith.
Joseph, son of Jane Wake, single woman.
Caroline, daughter of Maria Brown, single woman.
James, son of John and Ruth Mitchell.
Anne, daughter of John and Hannah Aslet.
Anne, daughter of Richard and Lucy Nash.

Burials.

Mary Smith, 2.
Richard Whitewick, 53.

Marriage.

James Monger and Lucy Whitewick, both of Ashe.

1835.

Christenings.

George, son of Job and Elizabeth Mundy.
George, son of Charles and Fanny Cooper.
William, son of Charles and Eliza Taplin.
James, son of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
Martha, daughter of James and Lucy Monger.
Jane, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
William, son of William and Charlotte Wild.

Burials.

Richard Cox, 65.
Maria Thorpe, 28.
Jane Willmott, 78.
Frances Bew, 3.
Charles Mitchell, 2 months.

Marriages.

Absolom [illegible] ne Cummins, of Millbrook.
James S[illegible] of Ashe.

William Wild and Charlotte Ormond, both of Ashe.
Charles Daken Leftley, of Ashe, and Harriett Lea, of St. Pancras, Middlesex.
John Oliver and Lucy Mitchell, both of Ashe.

1836.

Christenings.

Eliza, daughter of William and Caroline Hall.
William, son of Anne Roberts, single woman.
Daniel, son of John and Mary Bennett.
Anne, daughter of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Eliza, daughter of William and Sarah Clarke.
Stephen, son of John and Hannah Aslet.
Joseph, son of Jane Cox, single woman.
William, son of William and Sarah Prior.
Harriet, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
William, son of Richard and Eliza Cox.
James, son of William and Caroline Smith.
Charles, son of George and Mary Smith.
Jane, daughter of Charles and Jane Mitchell.

Burial.

Martha Monger, 11 weeks.

Marriage.

Peter Whitewick and Hannah Bath, both of Ashe.

1837.

Christenings.

Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Louisa Redding.
Charles, son of John and Caroline Taylor.
Charles, son of Edmund and Harriett Taylor.
Ann, daughter of Job and Elizabeth Mundy.
Thomas, son of Thomas and Harriett Taylor.
David, son of John and Lucy Oliver.
Eliza, daughter of Richard and Lucy Nash.
William, son of William and Harriett Cooper.
Sarah, daughter of Elizabeth and John Bew.
Gilbert, son of Charles and Fanny Cooper.

William son of John and Ann Goodall.
Charles, son of James and Lucy Monger.
Charles, son of John and Hannah Aslet.
Mary Ann, daughter of Jane Wake, single woman.
Charles, son of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
Charles, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Fanny Maria, daughter of James and Fanny Beckingham tenant of Ashe Farm.

Burials.

James Smith, 5 months.
Jane Goodall, 65.
Caroline Smith, 35.
Charles Monger, 2 months.
Lucy Monger, 22.
David Oliver, 6 months.
Sarah Mitchell, 21.

1838.

Christenings.

James, son of Charles and Mary Bance.
Charlotte, daughter of William and Charlotte Wilde.
Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Henry, son of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Charles, son of James and Charlotte Blunden.
Thomas, son of John and Ruth Mitchell.
Gilbert, son of John and Lucy Oliver.

Burials.

Henry Cooper, 22.
William Cox, 2.
Gilbert Cooper, 11 months.
Thomas Smith, 63,
Harriet Spicer, 51.
Ann Smith, 2.

Marriage.

William Baker, of Steventon, and Sarah Bament, of Ashe.

1839.

Christenings.

David, son of George and Mary Smith.
Henry, son of William and Harriet Cooper.
Charlotte, daughter of Richard and Eliza Cox.
Elizabeth, son of John and Hannah Aslet.
David, son of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
Anne, daughter of William and Sarah Prior.
Michael, son of John and Caroline Taylor.
Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas and Louisa Redding.
Robert, son of Robert and Jane Gibbs.

Burials.

James William Beckingham, 3 weeks.
David Mitchell, 9 days.
George Goodall, 24.
Hannah Wyld, 70.
Ann Prior, 2 months.

Marriage.

William Mosdell Herriot and Harriet Beckingham, both of Ashe.

1840.

Christenings.

George, son of Richard and Lucy Nash.
David, son of John and Anne Goodall.
George, son of Charles and Mary Bance.
Alfred, son of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
Matilda, daughter of Job and Elizabeth Mundy.
Charlotte, daughter of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
Thomas, son of John and Mary Bennett.
David, son of Thomas and Harriett Taylor.
Jane, daughter of John and Hannah Aslet.
John, son of William and Charlotte Wylde.
Frederick, son of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Bassalissa Harriet, daughter of William Mosdell and Harriet Herriott, of Herriard.

Burial.

Elizabeth Cooper, 15.

Marriage.

William Brown, of Hannington, and Emily Beckingham.

1841.

Christenings.

George, son of James and Charlotte Blunden.
David, son of Richard and Eliza Cox.
Lucy Harriet, daughter of William and Harriet Cooper.
Lucy, daughter of William and Mary Taphouse.
Ellen, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Mary Jane, daughter of George and Anne Wyld.

Burials.

Mary Anne Smith, 3 days.
Edward Ormond.
Nancy Drewe, 88.

Marriages.

George Wyld and Ann Clarke, both of Ashe.
Edward Frederick, Major-General, of the parish of St. George's, Hanover Square, Middlesex, and Mary St. John, of Ashe.

1842.

Christenings.

Henry, son of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
William Mosdell, son of William Mosdell and Harriet Herriott.
Henry, son of John and Lucy Oliver.
Alfred, son of William and Henrietta Benham.
James, son of Thomas and Louisa Redding.
Isaac, son of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Elizabeth, daughter of John and Anne Goodall.
Emily, daughter of John and Elizabeth Mundy.

Burials.

Lucy Beckingham, 22.
William Clarke, 43.

1843.

Christenings.

George, son of Thomas and Harriett Taylor.
Frederick, son of Joseph and Kezia Field.
Lucy, daughter of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
Harriet, daughter of John Giles and Anne Collis.
Lucy, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
George, son of John and Hannah Aslet.
James, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Henry, son of John and Caroline Taylor.
Sarah, daughter of William and Mary Taphouse.
William, son of William and Harriet Cooper.
Edwin, son of Charles and Fanny Cooper.
Charles, son of Maria Brown, single woman.
Joseph, son of William and Charlotte Wyld.
Henry, son of James and Charlotte Blunden.
Edward, son of Richard and Lucy Nash.

Burials.

Lucy Whitewick, 5 weeks.
Alfred Smith, 14.
Charlotte Cooper, 14.
Sarah Mundy, 80.

1844.

Christenings.

Fanny, daughter of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
George, son of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Richard, son of Richard and Eliza Cox.
Henry, son of George and Ann Wild.
Sarah, daughter of George and Mary Smith.
Sarah Ann, daughter of Charles and Mary Bance.
Charles, son of John and Lucy Oliver.
Alfred, son of Joseph and Kezia Field.
Henry, son of John and Caroline Taylor.
James, son of Isaac and Emily Smith.

Burial.

Benjamin Bazer, 89.

Marriage.

Charles Beale and Ann Goatly, both of Ashe.

1845.

Christenings.

George, son of Charles and Ann Beale.
William, son of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
Mary, daughter of William and Mary Taphouse.
Caroline, daughter of Richard and Lucy Nash.
Sarah Ann, daughter of John Giles and Anne Collis.
Eliza, daughter of John and Hannah Aslet.
Jane, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Taylor.

Burial.

Alfred Field, 5 months.

Marriage.

George Mathews, of Combe, Wiltshire, and Mary Ann Field, of Ashe.

1846.

Christenings.

Daniel, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Appleford.
Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Alfred, son of James and Charlotte Blunden.
Hannah Maria, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Ann Beckingham, Farmer, at Ashe Farm.
Arthur, son of Joseph and Kezia Field.
Henry, son of George and Mary Smith.
George, son of George and Ann Wild.
Jane, daughter of Thomas and Jane Stroud.

Burials.

Hannah Maria Beckingham, 7 days.
Sarah Smith, 10 months.

Marriage.

William Hunter, of Brown Candover, and Emma Prior, of Ashe.

1847.

Christenings.

James, son of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
Emma Louisa, daughter of Thomas and Louisa Redding.
Joseph, son of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Harriet, daughter of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
Lucy, daughter of John and Ann Goodall.
Keziah, daughter of George and Mary Ann Mathews.
Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Charles, son of Richard and Eliza Cox.
George, son of William and Mary Taphouse.
Benjamin George, son of Benjamin and Sarah Ann Beckingham.
Eliza, daughter of John and Lucy Oliver.

Burials.

William Mitchell, 2.
Charles Oliver, 2.
Sarah Woodhouse, 73.
Keziah Mathews, 7 weeks.
Sarah Mitchell, 66.
Mary Corbett, 81.

1848.

Christenings.

Thomas, son of Thomas and Jane Stroud.
Rosetta, daughter of William and Sarah Baker.
Jane, daughter of John Giles and Ann Colliss.
Harriet, daughter of William and Mary Taphouse.
Hannah, daughter of Henry and Ann Appleford.
Hannah Sybilla, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Ann Beckingham.
Christian Elizabeth, daughter of William and Patience Smith.
Frank William, son of James and Fanny Beckingham, of Ashe Warren.
Sarah, daughter of George and Ann Wild.

Burials.

Elizabeth Bazer, 68.
Harriet Taphouse, 8 hours.
Henry Smith, 2 years.
Christian Elizabeth Smith, 2 days.
Ann Wyld, 26.

1849.

Christenings.

Martha, daughter of William and Sarah Baker.
Frances, daughter of John and Caroline Taylor.
Esther, daughter of Isaac and Emily Smith.
James, son of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
John, son of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.

Burials.

Richard Mitchell, 74.
Charles Cox, 1.
Mary Summers, nurse at Ashe Park, 69.

1850.

Christenings.

Jane, daughter of Thomas and Isabella Kercher.
George, son of John and Anne Goodall.
Alfred, son of William and Harriet Taphouse.
Martha, daughter of John Giles and Ann Collis.
Joseph, son of Richard and Eliza Cox.
Catherine Marian, daughter of William Henry and Catherine Mary Blatch, farmer, of Polhampton.
George, son of John and Lucy Oliver.
Charles, son of John and Hannah Aslet.
Henry, son of Charles and Jane Mitchell.
George, son of Henry and Ann Appleford.
Mary Ashby, daughter of Edward and Mary Frederick.
Bessie, daughter of William Blatch and Eliza Gilbert.
Mary, daughter of John and Sarah Baker.

Burials.

Charlotte Blunden, 46.
Frances Taylor, 1.

Catherine Marian Blatch, 1 month.
George Goodall, 3 months.
Jane Kercher, 9 months.
Joseph Rolfe, 12.

1851.

Christenings.

Emily, daughter of George and Mary Smith.
George, son of James and Harriet Dyson.
Charles, son of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Eliza, daughter of John and Anne Goodall.
Walter Thomas, son of James and Eliza Cowdray.

Burials.

Sarah Blackburne, 92.
James Mitchell, 31.
William Wild, 74.

Marriage.

James Dyson and Harriet Blunden, both of Ashe.

1852.

Christenings.

Harriet, daughter of William and Harriet Taphouse.
Charles, son of John Giles and Ann Colliss.

Burial.

Elizabeth Mitchell, 78.

1853.

Christenings.

Mary Ann, daughter of James and Harriet Dyson.
Charles, son of Henry and Ann Appleford.
Mary, daughter of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
Elizabeth, daughter of John and Lucy Oliver.
William, son of Joseph and Mary Ann Smith.
John Brown, son of George and Mary Beckingham, of Upper Ashe Farm.
Jacob, son of Isaac and Emily Smith.
Fanny, daughter of George, jun., and Caroline Smith.

Burials.

John Taylor, 48.
Sarah Clarke, 60.

1854.

Christenings.

Arthur George, son of Henry and Ann Mariner.
Alfred, son of James and Eliza Cowdray.
Louisa, daughter of William and Mary Taylor.
Clara, daughter of William and Harriet Taphouse.
Eliza, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Beale.
Eliza, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Cross.
Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Smith.
Jane, daughter of John and Sarah Baker.
Johanna, daughter of Isaac and Fanny Simonson, a Jewess, temporarily of Church Oakley.
Arthur Daniel, son of Elias and Johanna Simonson, a Jew, residing at Church Oakley, M.D.
Emily, daughter of John and Anne Goodall.
Rachel, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.
Fanny Maria, daughter of James and Harriet Dyson, of Overton.

Burials.

Jane Cox, 87.
Joseph Smith, 92.
Mary Smith, 78.
James Woodhouse, 82.

1855.

Christenings.

Anna Maria, daughter of George and Mary Beckingham.
Eliza, daughter of Henry and Ann Appleford.
Noah, son of John Giles and Ann Colliss.
Elisha, son of George and Charlotte Brewer.
Mary Elizabeth, daughter of David and Harriet Harrison.

Burials.

Isabella Kercher, 39.
Richard Cox, 58.
John Goodall, 83.

Henry Appleford, 31.
Louisa Smith, 6 months.
Anna Jemima Lefroy, 40.
Eliza Appleford, 10 months.

1856.

Christenings.

Charles, son of James and Ann Taphouse.
Mary Ann, daughter of George and Mary Ann Grunsell.
Charles, son of George, jun., and Caroline Smith.
Jane, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Smith.
Sarah Brown, daughter of George and Mary Beckingham.
John and Emily, son and daughter of James and Eliza Cowdray.
Alfred, son of Henry and Elizabeth Beale.
John, son of William and Mary Taylor.
Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann Cooper.
Walter, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cross.
William, son of John and Lucy Oliver.

Burials.

Lucy Moore, 28.
James Blunden, 25.
Elisha Brewer, 15 months.
Joseph Field, 63.
Ann Goodall, 86.
Mary Anne Mathews, 6.
Sarah Prior, 62.

Marriages.

Henry Clarke and Caroline Bosley, both of Ashe.
David Watts, of Overton, and Jane Prior, of Ashe.

1857.

Christenings.

William, son of John and Sarah Baker.
George, son of Peter and Hannah Whitewick.
Sarah Ann, daughter of William and Anne Smith.
George, son of George and Charlotte Brewer.
Fanny, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Whitewick.

Burials.

Jane Cooper, 37.
Elizabeth Smith, 83.
Eliza Cox, 50.

Marriage.

Charles Goodall and Eliza Badnell, both of Ashe.

1858.

Christenings.

Anne Charlotte, daughter of James and Harriet Dyson.
William Walter, son of David and Jane Watts.
Egypt Charles, son of Joseph and Mary Anne Smith.
Jane, daughter of James and Anne Taphouse.
Lucy, daughter of George and Mary Beckingham.
Harry, son of Henry and Elizabeth Beale.
Sarah, daughter of Henry and Caroline Clarke.
Harriet, daughter of James and Eliza Cowdray.
Harry, son of Benjamin and Mary Ann Cooper.
Alfred, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cross.
Eliza Anne, daughter of George and Emily Appleford.
Sarah, daughter of George and Mary Anne Grunsell.
James, son of James and Lavinia Bond.

Burials.

David Cooper, 4.
George Brewer, 25.
Eliza Goodall, 29.
Anna Maria Beckingham, 4.
John Brown Beckingham, 5.
Emma Mundy, 16.

Marriages.

Charles Smith, of Overton, and Charlotte Mitchell, of Ashe.
John Thatcher and Patience Smith, both of Ashe.

1859.

Christenings.

Alfred, son of George, jun., and Caroline Smith.

Charles, son of William and Anne Smith.
Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph and Martha Smith, born 1857.
Maria, daughter of Joseph and Martha Smith.
Emma Caroline, daughter of Charles and Anne Cook.
Harry, son of David and Jane Watts.
Charles, son of George and Sarah Wyld.
Alfred, son of George and Sarah Wyld.

Burials.

William Appleford, 30.
Lucy Oliver, 41.
John Baker, 47.

1860.

Christenings.

William, son of Joseph and Martha Smith.
William, son of Henry and Caroline Clarke.
Thomas, son of William and Ann Ilsley.
Emily, daughter of George and Mary Beckingham.
Maria, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Cross.
Anne, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Beale.

Burials.

Mary Ann Smith, 2 years and 11 months.
Alfred Smith, 3 months.
Peter Whitewick, 49.
Alfred Smith, 1.
Elizabeth Taylor, 33.
Jane Whistler, 48.
Charles Appleford, 7.

Marriage.

James Chamberlin and Mary Ann Ponting, both of Ashe.

1861.

Christenings.

Emily Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth Mundy.
Mary Jane, daughter of James and Ann Taphouse.
Alfred, son of George and Caroline Smith.

Sarah Jane, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Taylor.
James, son of Joseph and Martha Smith.
Harry, son of Henry and Caroline Clarke.

Burials.

James Wyld, 54.
Thomas Taylor, 65.
Emily Beckingham, 16 months.
George Lawrence, 6 months.
James Smith, 9 weeks.

Marriages.

John Baggs, widower, and Olive Appleton, widow, both of Ashe.
Francis Field, of Ashe, and Ann Mundy, of Overton.

1862.

Christenings.

Henry, son of James and Martha Elliott.
Adelaide Harriet, daughter of Charles and Adelaide Harriet Pask.
Ann, daughter of James and Ann Taphouse.
George, son of Henry and Patience Cowdray.
Elizabeth Esther, daughter of Alfred and Jane Nash.
Annie, daughter of Francis and Ann Field.

Burials.

Eliza Smith, 8 weeks.
Sarah Anna Beckingham, 44.

Marriages.

David Goodall and Charlotte Cox, both of Ashe.
William Goodall and Ann Appleford, both of Ashe.
Thomas Elliott and Elizabeth Wild, both of Ashe.
Charles Griffin and Hannah Mitchell, both of Ashe.

1863.

Christenings.

Mary Jane, daughter of George and Maria Southwell, huntsman.

Frederick, son of Charles and Elizabeth Chivers.
Mary Jane, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Elliott.
Anne Eliza, daughter of John and Harriet Scott.

Burials.

Alfred Smith, 4 months.
Maria Beckingham, 88.

1864.

Christenings.

George, son of Henry and Caroline Clarke.
George, son of Charles and Elizabeth Brown.
Walter James, son of James and Martha Elliott.
Charles, son of Joseph and Martha Smith.
Jane, daughter of George, jun., and Caroline Smith.
Charles, son of David and Charlotte Goodall.
Caroline, daughter of William and Ann Goodall.
Walter James, son of George and Mary Beckingham.
Caroline, daughter of James and Ann Taphouse.

Burials.

David Benwell, 70.
Edward Smith, 4 months.

Marriages.

Walter Hibbert and Emily Goodall, both of Litchfield in Ashe.
David Ray and Ellen Appleford, both of Litchfield in Ashe.

1865.

Christenings.

Henry George, son of Henry George and Mary Brown.
Emily, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Cross.
Alfred William, son of Alfred and Jane Nash.
Priscilla Ann, daughter of William and Priscilla Ann Jenkins.
Sarah Jane, daughter of Henry and Patience Cowdray.
George, son of John and Harriet Scott.

Adah, daughter of James and Martha Elliott.
Alice, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Elliott.
Alfred, son of Francis and Ann Field.
Anne, daughter of Henry and Caroline Clarke.

Burial.

Priscilla Ann Jenkins, 5 weeks.

Marriages.

Septimus Whistler and Eliza May, both of Litchfield in Ashe.
James Appleford and Caroline Poulter, both of Litchfield in Ashe.
Daniel Pope, of Vauxhall, Lambeth, and Frances Prior, of Ashe.

1866.

Christenings.

Anna Maria, daughter of John and Elizabeth Silver, of Ashe.
James, son of James and Caroline Appleford.
Grace, daughter of Robert and Eliza Portal, of Ashe Park.
George, son of George and Elizabeth Soper.

Burials.

Harriet Oliver, 69.
George Scott, 9 months.
Caroline Smith, 25.
Martha Wake, 66.

Marriage.

George Soper, of Steventon, and Elizabeth Prior, of Ashe.

1867.

Christenings.

Albert, son of James and Martha Elliott.
Caroline, daughter of Henry George and Mary Brown.
George, son of George and Ann Taphouse, of Polhampton.
Alice, daughter of Francis and Ann Field.
Alfred James, son of David and Charlotte Goodall.
Edmund William, son of Stephen and Emma Judd.

Louisa, daughter of Henry and Caroline Clarke.
Benjamin David, son of Henry and Patience Cowdray.
Charles, son of Charles and Harriet Watts.
Charles, son of Henry and Hannah Goodall.

Burial.

Charles Mitchell, 54.

Marriage.

Stephen Oliver and Harriet Walker, both of Kingsdown in Ashe.

1868.

Christenings.

Anne, daughter of James and Martha Elliott.
Charlotte, daughter of Alfred and Jane Nash.
Susan, daughter of William and Ann Goodall.
Alice, daughter of Alfred and Jane Blackburn.
Edith Lillie, daughter of George and Harriet Baggs.
Edwin John, son of Alfred and Jane Blackburn.
Charles William, son of Samuel and Marian Ann Crane.

Burial.

Alice Blackburn, 2 months.

1869.

Christenings.

Lucy, daughter of Eliza Oliver, single woman.
Charles Edward, son of Stephen and Emma Judd.
Alice, daughter of Henry and Caroline Clarke.

Burials.

Harriett Scott, 46.
Amelia Mary Margaret Morris, 44.
Elizabeth Cooke, 55.

1870.

Christenings.

William, son of James and Martha Elliott.
George, son of George and Charlotte Locke.

Charles, son of Henry and Patience Cowdray.
Alice, daughter of Mary Hide, single woman.
Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Sarah Watts.

Burials.

Elizabeth Collett, 49.
Edward Cross, 70.

1871.

Christenings.

Amelia Matilda, daughter of Francis and Ann Field.
William, son of Alfred and Amelia Allen.
Ernest Albert, son of Alfred and Jane Nash.
Daniel, son of George and Harriet Baggs.
Frank, son of Alfred and Amelia Allen.
David, posthumous son of David and Ellen Ray.

Burials.

Elizabeth Cowdray, 19.
James Blunden, 69.
David Ray, 6 weeks.

1872.

Christenings.

William, son of William and Emma Kercher.
John William, son of George and Sarah Dale.
Albert, son of Francis and Ann Field.
Albert James, son of Henry and Patience Cowdray.

Burials.

Jane Whitewick, 77.
Mary Ann Goodall, 61.
Gilbert Oliver, 33.
Lucy Oliver, 8.
James Taphouse, 82.
Jane Anna Elizabeth Lefroy, 79.

Marriage.

Henry Lush and Sarah Stretch, both of Ashe.

1873.

Christenings.

George, son of Charles and Louisa Benham.
Annie Ellen, daughter of George and Harriet Baggs.
Ellen, daughter of Henry and Hannah Sybilla Arnold.
Mary Jane, daughter of Robert and Georgiana Messer.
Louisa, daughter of James and Ellen Weeks.
Charles, son of Thomas and Eliza Hughes, aged 7.
James, son of Thomas and Eliza Hughes, aged 2.
Alfred, son of Thomas and Eliza Hughes, aged 5.

Burials.

Elizabeth Mundy, 65.
Job Mundy, 69.
Arthur Joseph Taylor, 61.

1874.

Christenings.

George, son of George and Sarah Dale.
Ellen, daughter of Alfred and Amelia Allen.
William, son of Charles and Fanny Pike.
Fanny, daughter of Fanny Whitewick, single woman.
Ellen, daughter of Francis and Ann Field.
Belinda Ann, daughter of William and Annie Russell.
Wyndham Arthur, son of George and Harriet Baggs.
Edmund, son of Henry and Sarah Lush.

Burials.

Stephen Pike, 77.
Kezia Field, 77.
Hannah Whitewick.
Emma Prior, 37.

Marriage.

Charles Whitewick and Jane Corbin, both of Ashe.

1875.

Christenings.

George, son of Alfred and Jane Blackburn.

Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Louisa Benham.
Emma, daughter of Fanny Blackmore, single woman.
William, son of George and Elizabeth Oliver.

Burials.

George Appleford, 27.
Ellen Ray, 34.

Marriage.

George Whitewick and Sophia Scott, both of Overton.

1876.

Christenings.

Emily, daughter of William and Esther Knight.
William and James, twin sons of Jonathan and Anne Watts.
Herbert, son of James and Fanny Hickman.
Henry Blackmore, son of Alfred and Sarah Searle.
George Leonard, son of John and Sarah Ann Boulter.
Brinseley John, son of Alfred and Amelia Allen.

Burials.

Emily Knight, 3 weeks.
George Wort, 37.
George Whitewick, 69.

Marriage.

John Marsh, of Castle Cary, Somerset, and Harriet Dollar, of Litchfield in Ashe.

1877.

Christenings.

Harriet, daughter of Charles and Louisa Benham.
Rosina, daughter of Jonathan and Anne Watts.
Tom Alfred, son of William and Ellen Stratford.
Adelaide, daughter of Francis and Ann Field.
Mary Andrewes, 50.
Amelia Matilda Field, 6.

Burials.

John Hollwill, 8.
Daniel Appleford, 78.
Rhoda Hollwill, 45.
James Costing, 4 months.

1878.

Christenings.

Charles, son of Charles and Louisa Benham.
Edwin Ernest, son of George and Harriet Baggs.
Herbert, son of Aaron and Jane Sheppard.
William, son of James and Jane Batchelor.
Sidney Albert, son of Ernest Albert and Caroline Martin.
Harry, son of George and Sophia Whitewick.
James, son of George and Elizabeth Steel.

Burials.

Adelaide Field, 3 months.
Emily Ann Elizabeth Batchelor, 2.
Fanny Beckingham, 71.
Grace Portal, 12.

1879.

Christenings.

Kate, daughter of John and Olive Coston.
Mortimer Charles, son of Rev. Francis Walter and Rosa Mary Thoyts.
Alice, daughter of James and Mary Jane Thorne.
Arthur John, son of Jonathan and Anne Watts.
Sarah Ann, daughter of Richard and Mary Hobbs.
James, son of John and Catharine Carter.

Burials.

Rosina Watts, 16 months.
Mortimer Charles Thoyts, 10 hours.
Elizabeth Appleford, 82.
Fanny Whitewick, 5.

Marriage.

William Rivers Gill, of Winchester, and Eliza Marion Dollar, of Litchfield in Ashe.

1880.

Christenings.

Cameron John, son of John and Harriet Marsh.
Alice Mary Ann, daughter of John and Julia Wakely.
Henry Edward, son of Henry Edward and Sarah Cowdray.
Henry, son of George and Elizabeth Steel.
Ada, daughter of James and Fanny Hickman.
Alfred Charles, son of Jonathan and Ann Watts.

Burials.

Arthur John Watts, 7 months.
Rosa Emily Blackburn, 14 months.
Caroline Clarke, 48.
Charity Frances Mathews, 64.

1881.

Christenings.

George, son of George and Sophia Whitewick.
Percy, son of Edward and Louisa Clifford.
William, son of James and Mary Jane Thorne.
George William, son of Henry Edward and Sarah Cowdray.
Julia Ann, daughter of Henry and Anne Eckett.

Marriage.

Arthur Pike and Martha Ann Richards, both of Ashe.

1882.

Christenings.

Lucy Martha, daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Smith.
Lucretia Ellen, daughter of James and Mary Ann Harrison.
William Alfred, son of James and Mary Ann Norris.
Ethel Justina Frances, daughter of Arthur and Martha Ann Pike.
Robert, son of George and Elizabeth Steel.

Ethel May, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth Jane Hermon.
Frank Edward, son of Edward and Louisa Clifford.

Burials.

Thomas Lawes, 62.
Martha Jane Miles, 14 months.
Edith Emily Cox, 8.
William Smith, 85.

Marriage.

Alfred Hill and Maggie Ann Thomson, both of Overton.

1883.

Christenings.

Austin Leslie, son of Seth and Emma Cox.
Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Aaron and Jane Sheppard.
Christina Martha, daughter of Charles and Harriet Benham.
John, son of James and Mary Ann Norris.
Anne Eliza, daughter of George and Elizabeth Oliver, 5 years.
Sarah Jane, daughter of George and Elizabeth Oliver, 2 years.
Kate Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth Oliver, 4 months.
Caroline Ellen, daughter of Henry and Caroline Burgess, 8 years.
Lelia Gertrude, daughter of Henry and Caroline Burgess, 6 years.
Ada Mary, daughter of Henry and Caroline Burgess, 4 years.
Frederick George, son of Henry and Caroline Burgess, 2 years.
Alfred Henry, son of Henry and Caroline Burgess, 6 months.
Amy Walton, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth Jane Hermon.
Annie, daughter of James and Mary Jane Thorne.

Burials.

James Wakely, 8 months.
Mary Jane Blackburn, 17.

Marriage.

George Bennett, of Steventon, and Sarah Clarke, of Ashe.

1884.

Christenings.

William James, son of James and Mary Ann Harrison.
Sarah Anne, daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Smith.
Mary Jane, daughter of Harry and Anne Eliza Norgate.
Thomas, son of Henry and Caroline Burgess.
Fanny, daughter of George and Sophia Whitewick.

Marriage.

Harry Norgate, of Chilham, Kent, and Ann Eliza Scott, of Ashe.

1885.

Christenings.

Henry Charles, son of Francis and Annie Roe.
Alice Mary, daughter of Henry and Ann Eckett.
Agnes Emily, daughter of Charles and Emily Martin.
Wyndham Spencer, son of Henry Edward and Sarah Cowdray.
Minnie, daughter of Seth and Emma Cox.
Edward Moses, son of Allen and Emma Etheridge.
Frank, son of Charles and Harriet Benham.
Samuel Henry John, son of Reuben and Julia Baldwin.

Burial.

Elizabeth Mitchell, 74.

Marriage.

Walter Green, of Paddington, Middlesex, and Elizabeth Lovel, of Ashe.

1886.

Christenings.

Mary Stephana, daughter of Rev. Francis Walter and Rosa Mary Thoyts.
Olive Emmeline, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth Jane Hermon.
Charles, son of Alfred and Maggie Hill.

Burial.

Aaron Sheppard, 43.

Marriage.

James Higgins, of Ashe, and Mary Anne Golding, of Odiham.

1887.

Christenings.

William James, son of Henry and Caroline Burgess.
Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Dickson.
Elizabeth Jane, daughter of James and Mary Ann Higgins.
William, son of Thomas and Louisa Sutton.
Benjamin Walter, son of Henry Edward and Sarah Cowdray.
Harry, son of George and Agnes Durrant.
Ernest Frank, son of George and Sophia Whitewick.
Alfred Herbert, son of Allen and Emma Etheridge.
Seth, son of Seth and Emma Cox.
Nicholas John, son of John and Mary Bond.
Rose, daughter of Frederick and Ellen Mountford.

Burials.

James Beckingham, 82.
Thomas Edward Preston Lefroy, 71.

"Registers were introduced into this country before 1538. The most ancient is that at Badminton, in Gloucestershire, which has an entry as early as 1538.

"But the registers at Alcazar de San Juan, in Spain, begin 1506."—*Vide* 'Gentleman's Magazine' for August, 1787, page 697.

"This diocese (Salisbury) has to boast of some registers of the year 1538. At that æra this wise regulation was established by Cromwell, Earl of Essex, Vicar-General."—*Vide* 'Letter to the Clergy,' by Shute, Lord Bishop of Sarum. Rivingtons. London, 1789.

These notes are copied from the old Register.

Miss Mitford.

Though this talented lady's name does not appear in the Registers of the Parish of Ashe, it must not be forgotten that she was closely connected with it.

On May 21st Dr. Russell, Rector of Ashe, was married in the church of Ashe to Mary Dicker, of Overton.

Their daughter, Mary, married Mr. George Mitford, of Alresford, in 1788.

It was their daughter, Mary Russell Mitford, who became afterwards one of England's authoresses.

She was acquainted with Miss Jane Austen, but only as a child, for Mrs. Russell and her daughter left Ashe in 1783.

Miss Jane Austen.

At the same time that Miss Mitford's grandfather, Dr. Russell, was Rector of Ashe, the parents of Jane Austen resided in the immediate neighbourhood; so the parents of two popular female writers must have been intimately acquainted with each other.

Mr. and Mrs. George Austen resided first at Deane, but removed in 1771 to Steventon, which was their residence for about thirty years.

Jane Austen was born on December 16th, 1775, at the Parsonage House of Steventon.

We, who know nothing but a level, well-kept road, can hardly realise what the roads in this country were in 1771.

I quote from the memoirs of Jane Austen, written by her nephew, Rev. J. E. Austen Leigh, Vicar of Bray, Berks:—

"When the Austen family removed from Deane to Steventon, in 1771, the road was a mere cart track, so cut up by deep ruts as to be impassable for a light carriage.

"Mrs. Austen, who was not then in strong health, performed the short journey on a feather-bed, placed upon some soft articles of furniture, in the waggon which held their household goods.

"In those days it was not unusual to set men to work with shovel and pickaxe to fill up ruts and holes in roads, seldom

used by carriages, on such special occasions as a funeral or a wedding.

"Among the most valuable neighbours of the Austens were Mr. and Mrs. Lefroy and their family. He was Rector of the adjoining parish of Ashe. Jane Austen wrote a poem to Mrs. Lefroy's memory. This was Rev. Isaac Peter George Lefroy.

"Jane Austen's eldest brother, James, succeeded to the Rectory of Steventon, and his daughter, Jane Anna Elizabeth, became afterwards the wife of Rev. Benjamin Lefroy, Rector of Ashe. She died in 1872."

The Lefroy Family.

This family, which gave three rectors to the parish, is not unknown to public fame.

I have before me a letter from Mr. G. B. A. Lefroy, the last surviving son of Benjamin Lefroy, Rector of Ashe, who died in 1827.

In that he says: "My grandfather, Isaac Peter George Lefroy, married, 1778, Ann Brydges, sister of Sir Egerton Brydges, of Wootton, Kent. He was very fond of society, and she was a beautiful and talented woman, of pleasing address and considerable conversational powers, known to the neighbourhood around as 'Madam Lefroy.' He rebuilt a great part of the Rectory, and together they exercised a good deal of hospitality, and took for the time the lead in the neighbourhood."

Mr. Benjamin Langlois, who lies buried in the church, was once Under-Secretary of State. He was uncle to Mr. Lefroy, and lived with him.

Sir Egerton Brydges was a man of considerable literary repute, and was an unsuccessful claimant for the Chandos peerage.

Mr. Thomas Lefroy, son of the above Mr. Lefroy, became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

In 1817, Ashe became the birthplace of Sir John Henry Lefroy, an artillery officer of high scientific attainments, and in succession Governor of the Bermudas and Tasmania.

Miscellaneous.

When Kingsdown was bought by Mr. Joseph Portal from Mr. George Garnier, he purchased at the same time North Oakley, in 1763.

North Oakley was again sold to Mr. Robert Carr in 1770.

The cottages and land in Deane parish now belonging to the Ashe property were purchased by Mr. William Portal in 1803.

In 1818 a quarrel occurred at Basingstoke Market between Mr. Lucas, tenant of Ashe Warren, and Mr. Lowman, tenant of Polehampton Lodge. They fought it out on the ground on which the Folly Cottages now stand.

There is a curious record in the Churchwarden's Book, 1741, of October 9th, "Paid Lady Silver Money" (two shillings).

Also, in the same year, "Paid James Knight for making the pathway up Burley Lane, nine shillings."

The following is an extract from the Deane Register :—

"From the 12th day of July, 1763, to the 5th of February, 1764, there were seldom two dry days together in the seven months, and sometimes twenty days' rain together. The waters rose at Dean Jan^{ry} 7th, and there was no passing for foot-people until after Lady Day; many graves in the church fell in, and there was no getting to the church but thr^{o} Mr. Harwood's yard or garden; a large stream ran from Shepherd's Pond by Hall Gate, thr^{o} the Common Field, the Parsonage Meadow and Garden, and the wells in the Parish rose to their tops, and fish were taken between the Parsonage Yard and the road leading from Overton to Basingstoke."

No record appears until living memory tells that in 1840 the same thing occurred.

In 1883 the river Test rose from Spring Pond at Oakley Hall, and flowed in a flood from February 20th to March 7th.

In this year the road from Ashe to Letchfield was impassable, and a way for foot-people had to be made across Cold Meadow.

After the lapse of time it becomes a matter of curiosity as

to when the turnpike road was altered, from its place in th meadows to the south of the river, to its present position.

The old road is easy to trace from the hill to Overton t the top of Deane Hill.

I had hoped to have found out the entire alteration of th road, but the earliest information I can get dates back t 1781, and this only relates to the part on the right hand c the road leading to Litchfield.

The other part of the road was altered at a date anterio as no mention of it is made in the plan kindly shown me b Mr. Melville Portal.

This plan, with several alternative schemes, shows that th road ran from the hill to Overton south-eastward, and the turned almost at right angles up to the corner where th letter-box stands now.

The row of elms in the meadow was on the right hand c the road looking south.

To cut off this corner the road was altered.

A narrow road ran out from the right angle to the "pat up Burley Lane."

One thing struck me in the plan: the place of the fou cross-roads leading to Overton village, Overton Statio Berrydown Farm, and Ashe was, in 1781, known as "Wheeler grave," telling, no doubt, the way our ancestors dealt with suicide in their day.

The road was lowered on Ashe Hill and Deane Hill an the walls built in 1833.

Adjoining Kingsdown in Ashe is Freemantle Farm. Th name of this farm corresponds with a name often applied t King John's Down above Kingsclere, it being called Fre mantle Park. It seems likely that King John, whom w know to have often been in difficulties with regard to mone laid a tax on mantles, and this hill and farm, his own pr perty, gained the name of Freemantle, the King (John being the only person who might wear a mantle free of tax.

It has been suggested that Freemantle is a corruption c "Frères de Mont d'Eau" (brothers of the mountain of water but against that I know of no such pond in the locality There is a cross-cut by the side of the road on the left han

going up Deane Hill. This marks the place where Ernest Lisle Hawkins, son of the then Rector of Overton, was accidentally shot. He was reaching some nuts down with the stock of his gun. He was buried at Overton on August 21st, 1862. There should be other marks by the side of the high road, *e.g.*, a man named Toogood was thrown out of a cart and killed by Hyde Hill Plantation. This occurred many years ago—January 31st, 1840.

Would any one suppose that there was ever a place of worship at Quidhampton?

In the Commonwealth the chapel at Quidhampton was reported as being in a ruinous condition. There is still a Gothic doorway among the outbuildings of Quidhampton Farm.

In offering this, my humble collection of things "ancient and modern," to my friends and neighbours, I feel, as I did at the outset, that it is but a little, and that a *very* little, yet if it affords interest, even in a small way, to any, I shall be repaid for whatever trouble I have taken.

To all those who have given me any information I here tender my most sincere thanks, and I feel that the most of these are due to the present head of the family of Portal.

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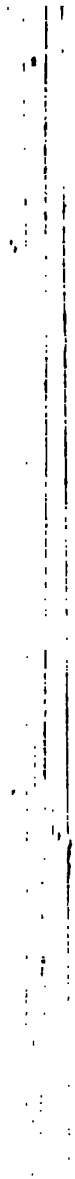

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